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The caption of referenced letterhead memorandum has been changed at the Bureau to "Freedom Riders" prior to dissemination. You should correct copies in your files.

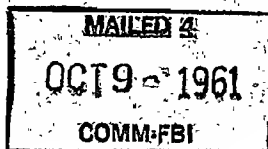
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FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-246)

DATE 11-24-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

RE: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS*Freedom Riders - Misc.*

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 8/3/61.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above at Jacksonville, Florida, pertaining to the status of the appeal filed by attorneys in behalf of the ten "Freedom Riders" arrested at the Tallahassee airport terminal during a test of segregated facilities there.

This matter being closely followed at Tallahassee and the Bureau will be kept advised of the proceedings as they develop.

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"FREEBUS"

On September 28, 1961, Mr. Edward Hill, Leon County Prosecutor, Tallahassee, Florida, advised that he had received the necessary completed transcript of the proceedings held in City Court, Tallahassee, Florida, on June 22, 1961, and that on September 21, 1961, he had placed this transcript with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court to be docketed. Hill explained the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court docketed instant transcript on that date, and that he had since been informed that the motion to dismiss previously filed by the City of Tallahassee in this matter will be first heard by the Florida Supreme Court under title of "Dresner vs The City of Tallahassee" on October 16, 1961.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 4, 1961

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-76)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDER MISCELLANEOUS  
[REDACTED] 1961GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,-  
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Re New Orleans letter to Cleveland dated 9/7/61.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memo for the  
Bureau and one copy for the New Orleans Office concern-  
ing [REDACTED]b2  
b7DThe source referred to in attached letterhead memo is  
[REDACTED]RUC.

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FREEDOM RIDE. 1961

[REDACTED]  
GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL,  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JUNE 14, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS,  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On September 25, 1961, [REDACTED]  
Protection Division, Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company,  
Cleveland, Ohio, which company covers the Greater Cleveland  
area including Lakewood, Ohio, advised his records reflect  
[REDACTED] Lakewood,  
Ohio, occupation listed as that of student, had a satisfactory  
credit rating from 1956 through 1957. [REDACTED] files con-  
tain nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning this individ-  
ual.

On September 25, 1961, the following individuals  
at the Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland, Ohio, advised  
they could locate no record identifiable with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sergeant [REDACTED]  
Record Room

[REDACTED]  
Bureau of Special Investigations

[REDACTED]  
Identification Division

On September 25, 1961, [REDACTED]  
Record Room, Lakewood Police Department, Lakewood, Ohio,

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RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

advised her records reflect the following on one [redacted]

[redacted] born [redacted] residing at [redacted]

[redacted] Lakewood, Ohio:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ARREST</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
April 4, 1957	[redacted]	\$5.00 and Costs
September 8, 1958		Costs
May 9, 1959		Costs
May 9, 1959		\$15.00 and Costs
May 9, 1959		\$25.00 and Costs

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on August 8, 1961, that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) held a Militant Forum meeting on August 5, 1961, in Cleveland, the topic of discussion being "The Freedom Riders." In the audience was a [redacted] of Lakewood, Ohio, who had been jailed in Mississippi for Freedom Riding and he reported on his experiences in jail. The source stated that except for comments like, "I guess they thought we weren't hungry," etc. [redacted] gave an objective report of the jail conditions. The source advised that this forum was open to the public.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: 10/5/61

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45748)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

*0* FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Re Memphis letter 8/23/61.

Relet advised that the Freedom Rider movement was frequently correlated and controlled from an office at 1905 Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tenn., maintained by the Nashville Christian Leadership Council and the Student Central Committee. Much of the work done in organizing the Freedom Riders en-route to Jackson, Mississippi, was done by long distance telephone. (u)

The following telephone calls were made from the phone in this office to the Philadelphia area: (u)

At Bethlehem, Pa.  
UN 6-9496 - on 5/26/61

This telephone number is listed to the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, 506 West 3rd Street, Bethlehem, Pa. This is a social fraternity affiliated with Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. (u)

At Reading, Pa.  
WA 9-0781 - on 6/1/61

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DATE 2/29/80 BY SP5 RJC/ewh

This number is the telephone switchboard of the Beryllium Corporation, Tuckerton Road, Muhlenberg Township, Reading, Pa. This concern employs several hundred persons. (u)

At Philadelphia, Pa.  
BA 2-1106 - on 5/6/61

This number is listed to the U. S. National Students Association, 3457 Chestnut Street. This is an organization for college students and has been investigated under the title, COMINFIL - U.S. NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - IS - C - Bufile 100-346566. (u) REC-45

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PH 100-45748

At Philadelphia, Pa.  
[redacted] - on 5/25/61

This number is listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa. He is [redacted] at the [redacted]  
[redacted] The files of the Philadelphia Office  
reflect no record identifiable with [redacted] (u)

At Swarthmore, Pa.  
[redacted] on 6/8, 6/15, 6/19, 6/20/61

This number is listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] Swarthmore, Pa. (u)

[redacted] was the subject of a special  
inquiry investigation, Philadelphia file 123-2916, in 1952.  
Reports at that time indicated that [redacted] was active in  
the American Friends Service Committee. He was [redacted] of  
the National Conference of Christian and Jews, Philadelphia,  
Pa., and [redacted] Students Peace Education Program  
of the American Friends Service Committee from 1943 to 1949.  
The telephone company records indicated that as of 1951, when  
service was established, he had been [redacted] in Southern  
Europe of "Care" for the past eight years. (u)

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDERS 1961</b> <i>MISCELLANEOUS</i> Trailways Bus Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi 6/21/61		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans, 7/19/61.

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An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until 4/30/62, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office, at that time, will report the results of these trials.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 10/6/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

File Number: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus

NO 157-313

Title: Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
June 21, 1961

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Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
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Synopsis:

[redacted] released  
on appeal bonds 7/7/61. [redacted]  
released on appeal bonds 7/23/61. [redacted]  
MELVIN LORENZO WHITE, II, released on appeal bond 7/25/61.  
[redacted]

[redacted] and WHITE arraigned in Hinds  
County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61, on Breach of Peace  
charges. All entered not guilty pleas. Court set dates for  
their trials commencing 10/9/61 with last trial scheduled  
for 1/11/62. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court on 9/11/61  
on Breach of Peace charge. Entered NG plea. Court set date  
for her trial for 4/30/62.

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DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On July 7, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County  
Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 7, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] were released on  
\$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.



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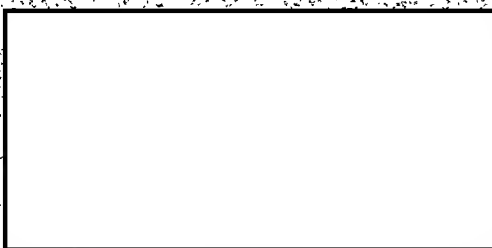
On July 25, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 23, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.

On July 26, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 25, 1961, [redacted] and MELVIN LORENZO WHITE, II, were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, II, City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered not guilty pleas to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL



MELVIN LORENZO WHITE, II

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12/13/61  
12/19/61  
1/8/62  
1/9/62  
1/11/62

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On August 11, 1961, [redacted] Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was one of five individuals who filed a Petition for Removal in U. S. District Court, August 10, 1961, seeking the removal of her trial for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code, from the Hinds County Court to the U. S. District Court. She said this petition was filed under the provisions of Title 18, Section 1443, U. S. Code. She advised that U. S. District Judge WILLIAM HAROLD COX advised that he would hear arguments on motions in this case on August 19, 1961.

On August 29, 1961, [redacted] furnished the following additional information concerning the above matter:

On August 19, 1961, the State of Mississippi as Respondent filed a motion to remand this action from U. S. District Court to the County Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County from which it was removed. On August 26, 1961, U. S. District Judge WILLIAM HAROLD COX filed an opinion sustaining respondent's motion to remand.

On August 28, 1961, an order signed by Judge COX was filed remanding this action to Hinds County Court.

On August 29, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that [redacted] would have to appear in Hinds County Court on September 11, 1961, for arraignment on Breach of the Peace charges.

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961. She was arraigned on

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a charge of Breach of the Peace. Through her attorney, she entered a plea of not guilty to this charge. The court then set the date of her trial as April 30, 1962.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all individuals in this Freedom Rider group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/6/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/3-9/21/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 GREYHOUND BUS M4446 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI JUNE 11, 1961</b>  <i>0 FREEDOM RIDERS MISCELLANEOUS</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 7/13/61 at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

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This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until January 4, 1962 at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: October 6, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-301

Bureau File No.: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS M4446, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 11, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

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Synopsis: [redacted] released on bond 7/3/61 [redacted]

[redacted] released on bond 7/25/61. [redacted]

[redacted] arraigned in

Hinds County Court, 8/14/61 on breach of peace charges.  
Entered PNG. Court set dates for their trials commencing  
9/6/61 with last trial scheduled for 1/4/62. [redacted] tried  
and convicted in Hinds County Court on breach of peace charge  
9/6/61. Was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.  
Was released on appeal bond 9/6/61. [redacted] tried and convicted  
in Hinds County Court on 9/12/61 on breach of peace charge.  
Was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. Was  
released on appeal bond 9/12/61. [redacted] tried and convicted  
in Hinds County Court on breach of peace charge 9/26/61.  
Sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. Was released  
on appeal bond 9/21/61.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

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On July 3, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 3, 1961 [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

On July 26, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 25, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, all bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961:



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NAME

DATE OF TRIAL



September 6, 1961  
September 12, 1961  
September 22, 1961  
November 20, 1961  
November 24, 1961  
January 4, 1962

NO 157-301

On September 6, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 6, 1961 [redacted] was tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on a charge of breach of the peace. He was convicted by a jury and subsequently sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. He was released on September 6, 1961 on a \$1,000 cash appeal bond plus a \$500 cash cost bond both returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on November 6, 1961.

On September 12, 1961 J. A. TRAVIS, Jr., City Prosecuting Attorney, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] appeared for trial in Hinds County Court September 12, 1961. [redacted] was convicted by a jury on a charge of breach of the peace and was sentenced the same date to four months in jail and was fined \$200. [redacted] was released on September 12, 1961 after posting a \$1,000 cash appeal bond and a \$500 cash cost bond returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on November 6, 1961.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "JOHN DOE" TELEPHONED THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ENGAGED IN A CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN THE REMOVAL OF A STATUE FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL AND THAT HE HAD AGREED TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR CAMPAIGN. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT THE STATUE WAS TO BE REMOVED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI AND ADVISE THEM OF HIS ACTIVITIES.

RE: *DOE*

THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "JOHN DOE" TELEPHONED THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ENGAGED IN A CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN THE REMOVAL OF A STATUE FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL AND THAT HE HAD AGREED TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR CAMPAIGN. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT THE STATUE WAS TO BE REMOVED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI AND ADVISE THEM OF HIS ACTIVITIES.

TO DIRECTOR

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RE: *DOE*

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Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: October 6, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-317

Bureau File No.: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 23, 1961B. SILVER CREEK, MISS

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

SILVER CREEK, MISS

Synopsis: [redacted] released on bond 7/28/61. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61, on charges of breach of peace. All entered NGP's. Court set date of trial for these individuals commencing 9/7/61 with last trial scheduled for 12/12/61. [redacted] failed to appear for arraignment 8/14/61 and 9/11/61. On 9/18/61 [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, and entered plea of nolo contendere to breach of peace charge. Was sentenced to 4 months in jail suspended and fined \$200. Was released after payment of fine on 9/18/61. On 9/7/61 [redacted] was tried and convicted in Hinds County Court on a charge of breach of peace. Was sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. Was released on bond 9/7/61. No credit record located for [redacted] III, at Hattiesburg, Miss. No identification record located for [redacted] at Monticello or Prentiss, Miss.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

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On July 28, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 28, 1961 [redacted] was released on a \$500.00 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.

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On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF TRIAL</u>
[redacted]	September 7, 1961
	December 4, 1961
	December 12, 1961

On August 14, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR. advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that [redacted] failed to respond when her name was called for arraignment in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. The court ordered her appeal bond declared forfeited unless she appeared in Hinds County Court prior to September 11, 1961.

On September 13, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [redacted] who had been previously released on an appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961 again failed to appear for arraignment on September 11, 1961. The court then ordered her appeal bond forfeited.

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On September 18, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 18, 1961 [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. She advised the court that she had not been able to appear in Hinds County Court on August 14, 1961 or September 11, 1961. Therefore, the court ordered that the previous bond forfeiture order be withdrawn and she was then allowed to enter a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of breach of the peace. She was adjudged guilty and sentenced to four months in jail suspended and fined \$200. She was released on September 18, 1961 upon payment of the \$200 fine.

On September 7, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 7, 1961 [redacted] was tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on a charge of breach of the peace. [redacted] was convicted by a jury and was sentenced the same date to four months in jail and was fined \$200. He was released on September 7, 1961 on a \$1,000 cash appeal bond plus a \$500 cash cost bond both returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on November 6, 1961.

On September 8, 1961 Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made of these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY:

AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI:

On September 19, 1961 [redacted]  
Credit Bureau of Hattiesburg, Inc., checked the records of  
her office without locating any credit record for [redacted]  
[redacted]

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It is to be noted that there is no credit bureau at Silver Creek, Mississippi and this town is covered by the above credit bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT MONTICELLO, MISSISSIPPI:

On September 18, 1961 [REDACTED]  
Lawrence County Circuit Court, advised that he has no  
identification record for [REDACTED]

On September 18, 1961 EDWARD HARTZOG, Sheriff,  
Lawrence County, states he has no record for [REDACTED] He  
has determined that this person lives with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Silver Creek, Mississippi, and was born  
and raised in that community. His parents are dead but he  
still has [REDACTED] living at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He does not know the relation between [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sheriff HARTZOG advised that [REDACTED] actually  
lives in Jeff Davis County although he receives his mail  
through the Silver Creek Post Office.

AT PRENTISS, MISSISSIPPI:

On September 18, 1961 D. E. GRUBBS, Sheriff,  
Jeff Davis County, states he has no record for [REDACTED]  
and does not know anything about him or [REDACTED]

On September 18, 1961 [REDACTED] Jeff  
Davis Circuit Court, states he has no record for [REDACTED]  
or [REDACTED] He knew [REDACTED] parents before their death  
and never had any trouble with them. He does not know the  
relation between [REDACTED] but does know that  
[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 10/4/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/8 - 9/25/61
TITLE OF CASE FREEDOM RIDERS 1961 Trailways Bus Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi, July 9, 1961		REPORT MADE BY SA HUNTER E. HELGESON	TYPED BY eah
		CHARACTER OF CASE  RM; CR  ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans, 8/21/61.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until 4/30/62, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office, at that time, will report the results of these trials.

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Date: 10/4/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

File Number: 157-333

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 9, 1961Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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## Synopsis:

[redacted] released on appeal bond 8/8/61. [redacted]  
[redacted] released on appeal bond 8/10/61. [redacted]  
arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61, on  
Breach of Peace charges. Entered not guilty pleas. Court set  
date of trial for [redacted] as 10/12/61 and for [redacted] as 10/18/61.

[redacted] released on appeal bonds 8/18/61.  
[redacted] arraigned in Hinds County  
Court, Jackson, 9/11/61, on Breach of Peace charges. Entered pleas  
of not guilty. Court set date of trial for these individuals com-  
mencing 4/2/62, with last trial scheduled for 4/30/62. [redacted]  
[redacted] confined to MSP, Parchman,  
Miss., as of 9/25/61.

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DETAILS:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 8, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 8, 1961, [REDACTED] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond, returnable Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.

On August 10, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 10, 1961, [REDACTED] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. Both were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. Through their attorney, both entered pleas of not guilty to this charge. The court then set the date of trial for [REDACTED] as October 12, 1961, and for [REDACTED] as October 18, 1961.

On August 21, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 18, 1961, the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961:

[REDACTED]

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court,



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Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorney. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

[REDACTED]

4/2/62

4/9/62

4/30/62

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On September 25, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED]  
Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were confined to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, as of September 25, 1961. He advised both are scheduled to be released on January 16, 1962, upon expiration of sentence.

On September 28, 1961, Captain [REDACTED]  
Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/6/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/11-9/8/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 GREYHOUND BUS #4290, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI JUNE 16, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 7/12/61  
at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until December 7, 1961, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Date: October 6, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-307

Bureau File No.: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS #4290, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 16, 1961Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Synopsis: [redacted] released on appeal bond 7/11/61.

[redacted]  
released on appeal bonds 7/25/61. [redacted][redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court,  
8/14/61 on breach of peace charges. Entered pleas of NG.  
Court set date of trial for these individuals commencing  
9/5/61 with last trial scheduled for 12/7/61. [redacted] tried and  
convicted of breach of peace in Hinds County Court, Jackson,  
Miss., 9/5/61. Was sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined  
\$200. Was released on appeal bond 9/5/61.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

On July 11, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County  
Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 11, 1961 [redacted]  
[redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond  
returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi,  
August 14, 1961.

On July 26, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County  
Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 25, 1961 the following  
individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable  
in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961:

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[REDACTED]

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

[REDACTED]

September 5, 1961  
October 6, 1961  
October 24, 1961  
November 6, 1961  
December 7, 1961

On September 5, 1961 Assistant City Prosecuting Attorney [REDACTED] City of Jackson, advised that on September 5, 1961 [REDACTED] was tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on a charge of breach of the peace. She was convicted by a jury and was sentenced to four months in jail and was fined \$200.

On September 5, 1961 Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 5, 1961 [REDACTED] was released on a \$1,000 cash appeal bond plus a \$500 cash cost bond both returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on November 6, 1961.

On September 8, 1961 Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/6/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/19 - 9/13/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 GREYHOUND BUS, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 10, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
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## REFERENCES:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 6/28/61, at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until January 15, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JUNE 10, 1961

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Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted]  
released from MSP, Parchman, Miss., on \$500 cash appeal  
bonds, 7/19/61. [redacted] released on \$500 cash  
appeal bond 7/20/61. [redacted]  
[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bonds  
7/25/61. [redacted]  
arraigned in Hinds Co. Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61.  
Entered pleas of not guilty to Breach of Peace charges.  
Dates set for their trials commencing 9/13/61 with last  
trial scheduled for 1/15/62. [redacted] tried and  
convicted in Hinds Co. Court, 9/13/61, on Breach of Peace  
charge. Sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200.  
Released on appeal bond 9/13/61.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On July 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds  
County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 19, 1961,  
[redacted] were released  
from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi,  
on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court,  
August 14, 1961.

On July 20, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised SA  
[redacted] that on July 20, 1961, [redacted]  
was released from the Hinds County Jail on a \$500 cash appeal  
bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi,  
August 14, 1961.

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On July 26, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 25, 1961, [redacted], were released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trials as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

[redacted]

9/13/61  
10/17/61  
10/19/61  
10/26/61  
12/1/61  
1/15/62

On September 13, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised SA [redacted] that on September 13, 1961 [redacted] was tried and convicted in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on a charge of Breach of the Peace. She was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. She was released the same date after posting a \$1000 cash appeal bond plus a \$500 cash costs bond, both returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, November 6, 1961.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson, Police Department made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/5/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/19 - 9/18/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #2, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 10:20 AM, JUNE 8, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 6/20/61, at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until January 12, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Report of:  
Date:SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
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Office: NEW ORLEANS

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NEW ORLEANS (157-293)

Bureau File No.: (157-387)

Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
TRAIN #2, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOUISIANA, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 10:20 AM,  
JUNE 8, 1961

Character:

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Synopsis:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bond  
6/19/61 [redacted]

[redacted]  
transferred from Hinds Co. Jail, Jackson, Miss., to MSP,  
Parchman, Miss., 6/23/61. [redacted]

[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bonds  
7/15/61. STOKELY CARMICHAEL and [redacted] released  
on \$500 cash appeal bond, 7/19/61. [redacted] CARMICHAEL [redacted]

[redacted]  
arraigned in Hinds Co. Court, Jackson, 8/14/61, on Breach  
of Peace charges. Entered not guilty pleas. Trials for  
these individuals scheduled commencing 9/14/61, with last  
trial scheduled for 1/12/62. [redacted] released  
from MSP, Parchman, on 9/6/61, after payment of balance of  
fine [redacted] entered nolo contendere plea in  
Hinds Co. Court, 9/14/61. Was sentenced to 4 months in  
jail suspended and fined \$200; released on payment of fine.  
STOKELY CARMICHAEL entered nolo contendere plea in Hinds Co.  
Court, 9/18/61. Was sentenced to 4 months in jail suspended  
and fined \$200. Fine paid.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On June 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds  
County, advised that on June 19, 1961, [redacted] was  
released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds  
County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

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On June 23, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY advised that the following individuals were transferred from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on June 23, 1961:

[REDACTED]

*Miss*  
On July 15, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised SA [REDACTED] that on July 15, 1961, the following individuals were released on a \$500 cash appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on August 14, 1961:

[REDACTED]

On July 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that on July 19, 1961, STOKELY CARMICHAEL and [REDACTED] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA (A) GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

*Miss*  
[REDACTED]  
STOKELY CARMICHAEL

9/14/61  
9/20/61  
10/12/61  
11/27/61  
12/11/61  
1/3/62  
1/11/62  
1/12/62

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On September 6, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on September 6, 1961, [redacted] was released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, after payment of the balance of her fine in the amount of \$113.

On September 14, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 14, 1961, [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi [redacted] through his attorney, withdrew his previous not guilty plea and entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of Breach of the Peace. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced the same date to four months in jail, suspended and fined \$200. He was released after payment of the \$200 fine plus court costs.

On September 18, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that on September 18, 1961, Attorney [redacted] representing STOKELY CARMICHAEL, withdrew CARMICHAEL's previous not guilty plea to a charge of Breach of the Peace and entered a plea of nolo contendere to the same charge in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. CARMICHAEL was not present according to TRAVIS. The court sentenced CARMICHAEL to four months in jail which was suspended and fined him \$200. [redacted] paid the \$200 fine on behalf of his client.

On September 18, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that he had learned that [redacted] had enrolled in Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Mississippi, along with another white female. GILFOY advised that this college is located approximately five miles north of Jackson, Mississippi, and in the past has been exclusively for Negro students. He advised this college is a private institution and that his office contemplated taking no action regarding [redacted] enrollment and attendance at this school.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>10/4/61</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/29 - 9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus, Nashville, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi, 7/29/61</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc.</i>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
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REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans, dated 8/31/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until 4/30/62, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus, Nashville,  
Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 29, 1961b6  
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Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Synopsis:

[redacted] released on cash appeal bond 8/29/61.

BYRON MARK BAER, [redacted]

[redacted]  
released on appeal bonds 9/9/61. BAER. [redacted][redacted]  
arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 9/11/61,  
on Breach of Peace charges. All entered pleas of not  
guilty. Court set date of trial for these individuals  
commencing 3/26/62, with last trial scheduled for 4/30/62.

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DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 29, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds  
County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 29, 1961,  
[redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal  
bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi,  
September 11, 1961.

On September 9, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised  
SA [redacted] that the following individuals were  
released on September 9, 1961, on a \$500 cash appeal bond  
each, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi,  
September 11, 1961:

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BYRON MARK BAER




On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME	DATE OF TRIAL
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BYRON MARK BAER

4/2/62  
4/16/62  
4/23/62  
3/26/62  
4/23/62  
3/26/62  
3/30/62

On September 8, 1961, Captain  Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/6/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/19 - 9/8/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #465 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 4:59 PM CST, JUNE 7, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCES:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 6/19/61, at New Orleans.

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until January 10, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #465  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
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Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted]  
released from MSP, Parchman, Miss., 6/19/61, on \$500 cash  
appeal bonds [redacted]  
[redacted] arraigned in Hinds Co. Court, Jackson,  
Miss., 8/14/61, on Breach of Peace charges. All entered not  
guilty pleas. Trial for [redacted] set for 10/30/61.  
Trial for [redacted] set for 10/31/61. Trial for  
[redacted] set for 1/10/62.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On June 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds  
County, advised that on June 19, 1961, [redacted] and  
[redacted] were released from the Mississippi  
State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, after posting \$500  
cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, August  
14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A.  
TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND  
that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County  
Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were  
arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered  
pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys.  
The court then set the date of their trials as indicated below:

NAMEDATE OF TRIAL

10/30/61



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NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

[REDACTED]

10/31/61  
1/10/62

On September 8, 1961, Captain [REDACTED]  
Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made  
available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders  
in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives  
and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>10/4/61</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/7 - 19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi 8/13/61</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
<i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	
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REFERENCE

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until 4/23/62, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Date: 10/4/61

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
New Orleans, Louisiana to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
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b7CCharacter: RACIAL MATTERS;  
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## Synopsis:

[redacted] released from Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Miss., on appeal bonds on 9/7/61. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on Breach of Peace charges 9/11/61. Both entered pleas of not guilty. Court set date of trial for [redacted] for 4/16/62 and for [redacted] for 4/23/62..

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DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On September 7, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 7, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi. He said these bonds were returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961.

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court,

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Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961. Both were arraigned on charges of Breach of the Peace. Both entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorney. The court set the date of trial for [redacted] as April 16, 1962, and for [redacted] as April 23, 1962.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of [redacted] prints are being made of these negatives and will be maintained in the files of the New Orleans Office.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/6/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/23 - 9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #205, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 5:30 A.M. JUNE 9, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCES:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 6/22/61, at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until December 12, 1961, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials, and will report disposition of [redacted] who is scheduled to be released from MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 12/15/61.

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
TRAIN #205, NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 5:30 A.M.  
JUNE 9, 1961ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted] transfer-  
red from Hinds Co. Jail, Jackson, Miss., to MSP, Parchman,  
Miss., 6/23/61. [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal  
bond 7/3/61. [redacted] released  
on \$500 cash appeal bond 7/19/61. [redacted]  
[redacted] arraigned in  
Hinds Co. Court on Breach of Peace charges 8/14/61. Entered  
pleas of not guilty. Trial set for these individuals commenc-  
ing with 9/15/61 with last trial scheduled for 12/12/61.  
[redacted] tried and convicted in Hinds Co. Court on  
Breach of Peace charge 9/15/61. Sentenced to 4 months in  
jail and fined \$200. Released on appeal bond 9/15/61. On  
9/18/61 [redacted] entered nolo contendere plea  
to Breach of Peace charge in Hinds County Court and was  
sentenced to 4 months in jail suspended and fined \$200.  
[redacted] confined to MSP, Parchman, Miss., as  
of 9/19/61.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On June 23, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds  
County, advised that on June 23, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] were transferred from the Hinds County Jail,  
Jackson, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman,  
Mississippi.

On July 3, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County  
Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 3, 1961, [redacted]

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was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.

On July 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that on July 19, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on the charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trials as indicated below:

NAMEDATE OF TRIAL

9/15/61  
9/18/61  
10/17/61  
12/12/61

miss. [redacted] On September 15, 1961, Assistant City Prosecuting Attorney [redacted] City of Jackson, advised that on September 15, 1961, [redacted] was tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on a Breach of the Peace charge. He was convicted by a jury and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

On September 15, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 15, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$1000 cash appeal bond plus a \$500 cash costs bond, both returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, November 6, 1961.

On September 18, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that on September 18, 1961, Attorney [redacted] representing [redacted] entered a plea of nolo contendere to a Breach of the Peace charge in

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Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, after withdrawing her previous not guilty plea to this charge. [redacted] was not present according to TRAVIS. The court sentenced to her to four months in jail which was suspended and fined her \$200. [redacted] paid the \$200 fine on behalf of his client.

On September 19, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that [redacted] is still confined to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, and is scheduled to be released on December 15, 1961, upon expiration of her sentence.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of photographs of all the Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the files of the New Orleans Office.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/4/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/23 - 9/25/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Illinois Central Railroad New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi, 7/30/61</b>  <b>FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS</b> <del>XXXXXXXX</del>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad  
New Orleans, Louisiana to  
Jackson, Mississippi, July 30, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Synopsis:

DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

Following Freedom Riders in this group released on appeal bond  
from MSP, Parchman, Miss., 8/23/61: [redacted]

[redacted] released on appeal bonds  
8/29/61. [redacted] released on appeal bond 9/7/61.  
[redacted] released on appeal  
bonds 9/9/61. [redacted] released on appeal bond 9/9/61.

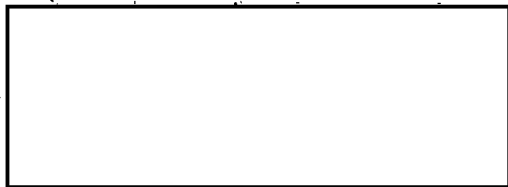
[redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson,  
Miss., 9/11/61, on Breach of Peace charges. All entered not guilty  
pleas. Court set dates of trial for these individuals commencing  
3/19/62 with last trial scheduled for 4/30/62. ALBERT BAROUX  
reportedly killed in airline crash in Chicago, Ill., 9/1/61.  
[redacted] confined to MSP, Parchman, Miss., as of 9/25/61.

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DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 23, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 23, 1961, the following individuals were released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, September 11, 1961:



*MISS.*

On August 29, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 29, 1961, [redacted] were released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961.

On September 6, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that on September 6, 1961, [redacted] had been returned to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, for medical attention, inasmuch as the prison doctor had examined her and found her to be suffering from a fast heart beat.

On September 7, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that on September 7, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961.

On September 9, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the following individuals were

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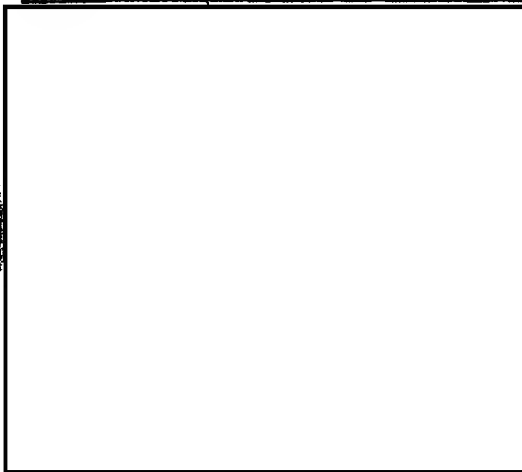
released on September 9, 1961, on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, September 11, 1961:



On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961: All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL



4/9/62  
3/19/62  
4/9/62  
3/19/62  
3/19/62  
3/26/62  
4/16/62  
3/26/62  
3/26/62  
4/23/62  
3/26/62  
4/23/62  
3/30/62

On September 18, 1961, City Prosecutive Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that ALBERT BAROUH, a convicted Freedom Rider who had been released from the Hinds County Jail on appeal bond August 18, 1961, had been killed in an airline crash in Chicago, Illinois, September 1, 1961.

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On September 25, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [redacted] was then confined to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi. According to [redacted] is scheduled to be released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary on February 5, 1962, upon expiration of sentence.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be retained in the New Orleans file.

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Date: 10-9-61

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

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[redacted] tried Hinds County Court Jackson 10/9/61 entered plea not guilty, tried and found guilty, sentenced \$200 fine and four months in jail. Conviction appealed to Circuit Court and released same date on \$1500 cash appeal bond. Twentysix FR entered pleas of nolo contendere in Hinds County Court 10/9/61 with twentyfive identified below fined \$200 plus cost:

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In addition to above, [redacted] changed previous plea of not guilty in Hinds County Court October 9, 1961 and entered a plea of nolo contendere to charges as follows: breach of the peace for which sentenced to \$200 fine and four months in jail; three counts of contributing to delinquency of a minor, sentenced on each count to \$500 fine and six months in jail. Total fine \$1700 paid and jail time suspended. Charges against Lafayette arose from his recruiting of juveniles as FR in summer of 1961 in Jackson.

Following is summary as of 5pm 10/9/61:

No FRs arrested or released on bond Jackson Municipal Court today or since 10/8/61.

Total arrested 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court 18.

Paid fines 56.

Released to attorney 1.

Released on probation 4.

Released as charges dismissed 1.

Released on expiration of sentence 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal 2.

Net in custody 13.

All FRs eating at Jackson City Jail and Hinds County Jail.

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For information of Bureau, 14 Episcopal Clergy FR  
arraigned Hinds County Court 10/9/61. Trial set for 13 during  
May 1962 and case of 1 continued until November 1962 term.  
One clergyman ill and did not appear but due to present  
evidence of illness 10/12/61.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/4/61

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-29636)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
GREYHOUND BUS,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 29, 1961  
RM; CR

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*Freedom Riders - Misc*

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston, 7/31/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies and for New Orleans two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated as above and captioned [redacted]

Referenced airtel advised that [redacted] among others, was arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, on July 29, 1961, after arriving by bus from Nashville, Tennessee. [redacted] and the other individuals were charged with breach of the peace.

On September 19, 1961, Detective [redacted] Security Investigations Squad, Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan, advised SA [redacted] that according to his records an automobile registered to [redacted] East Lansing, Michigan, was observed on April 22, 1960, in the vicinity of the State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan, at which time Michigan State University students, East Lansing, were conducting an ROTC protest demonstration at the capitol. Detective [redacted] requested that this information not be disseminated outside of the Bureau due to the fact officers of his department were unable to definitely state whether [redacted] did or did not participate in the ROTC protest demonstration.

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By [redacted]  
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No further investigation is being conducted by the Detroit Division and the letterhead memorandum is being submitted per instructions as set forth in referenced New Orleans airtel.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Page 9, Column 2, of the "Detroit Free Press", a daily newspaper published in Detroit, Michigan, contained an article entitled "Lansing Rider Fined, Jailed", which states in part, "Wolcott Smith of Lansing, a 20 year old white, Michigan State University student, was among 22 'freedom riders' who were fined \$200.00 and sentenced to four months in jail for attempting to integrate a bus terminal at Jackson, Mississippi."

[REDACTED] East Lansing Mich

On August 22, 1961, [REDACTED] Record Vault #2, Registrar's Office, Michigan State University, advised that according to her records [REDACTED] Student Number [REDACTED] who was born in [REDACTED] Maryland, on [REDACTED] enrolled at Michigan State University on September 22, 1959, in the College of Science and Arts. She stated that according to the records [REDACTED] was enrolled in the curriculum of math and physical sciences and was majoring in Physics. She stated that during the period that [REDACTED] has been enrolled at Michigan State University he has maintained a scholastic average of 3.1, based on a possible scholastic average of 4.0.

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She advised that according to her records [REDACTED] was a graduate of the East Lansing, Michigan, High School in June, 1959, and ranked scholastically 35th in a class of 182. She advised her records revealed that [REDACTED] father was [REDACTED] and his mother was [REDACTED] both of whom reside at [REDACTED] East Lansing, Michigan.

The 1960-61 Faculty Directory, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, revealed that [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] the Psychology Department at Michigan State University.

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On September 18, 1961, Lieutenant [REDACTED]  
Identification Bureau, Lansing, Michigan, Police Department;  
[REDACTED] Lansing Credit Bureau; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Lansing Traffic Bureau, and on  
September 19, 1961, [REDACTED] East Lansing,  
Michigan, Police Department and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Identification Bureau, Michigan State Police, East  
Lansing, all advised that a search of their respective  
records failed to reveal any information identifiable with  
[REDACTED]

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: 10/10/61

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-297)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
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Relet to Bureau 8/23/61.

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On 9/29/61, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Sanford, Fla., advised SA [redacted] that the criss-cross directory lists Sanford telephone number [redacted] to [redacted] Sanford, Florida.

[redacted] advised that he found no arrest record for

[redacted] Orlando, Florida, telephone number [redacted] is issued to [redacted] Orlando, Fla.

Indices of Tampa inre: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, Trailways Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, 7:00 am to 1:15 pm, May 27, 1961, RM, CR. OO: New Orleans, copy furnished to Memphis reveals that [redacted] was one of the freedom riders in the New Orleans case. Criminal and credit checks on [redacted] at Orlando were negative.

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b7cVia AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
 SUBJECT: FREEBUS *FREEDOM RIDERS-MISCELLANEOUS*

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FRs [redacted] tried Hinds County Court, 10/10/61, entered plea of not guilty. Tried and found guilty, sentenced to \$200 fine and 4 months in jail. Appealed conviction to Circuit Court and released same date on \$1,500 appeal bond each.

Following is summary as of 4:30 p.m., 10/10/61:

No FRs arrested or released on bond at Jackson, Miss. Municipal Court since 10/9/61 summary.

Total arrested - 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 20.

Paid fines - 56.

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Released to attorney - 1.

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Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court - 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 13. All FRs eating at Hinds County jail.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/4/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-477)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

*FREEDOM RIDERS*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Delta Airlines Flight 409  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi  
June 8, 1961  
RM, CR, CC  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

ReNOlet to NY, 9/7/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Relet advised that [redacted] and PERCY E. SUTTON, both residents of NYC, had been arrested as freedom riders by the Jackson, Mississippi PD on 6/8/61.

NYO was requested to prepare a letterhead memorandum captioned as above setting forth results of indices, credit and criminal check on these individuals.

Although PERCY SUTTON is the subject of NY 100-113507, no information concerning SUTTON is being set forth in enclosed memorandum inasmuch as NYO files do not reflect sufficient information of a security nature concerning him. It is noted that OSI in 1953, conducted an investigation of SUTTON, who has been a captain in the US Air Force and former legal officer at the Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware.

No information was developed by OSI to indicate SUTTON was or ever had been involved in Communist activities other than his registration with the Queens County Board of Elections in 1948, showing a preference for the American Labor Party.

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- 1 - New Orleans (157-292) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-113507) (PERCY SUTTON) (#421) OCT 6
- 1 - New York [redacted] (#424)
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Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reviewed by IC [redacted] on 9/13/61, and records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Dept. reviewed by SA DAVID G. JENKINS on 9/12/61, reflected no derogatory information concerning SUTTON or [redacted]

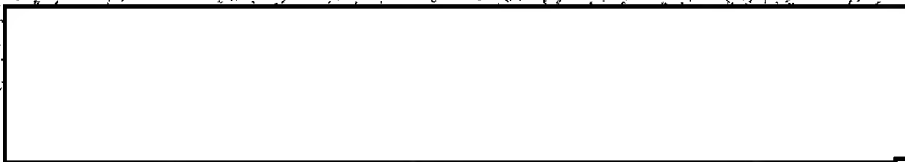
SAs NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA and ALBERT E. FAYLER observed the annual Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) ceremonies at the Statue of Liberty on 7/25/61.

The informants utilized in enclosed memorandum, in the order mentioned are:

NY T-1  
NY T-2  
NY T-3



The following sources were used to characterize the NY Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee:



The source used to characterize the ELF is [redacted]

All sources used in attached characterizations of New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee and the ELF have furnished reliable information in the past.

Attached memorandum is classified ~~Confidential~~ since data furnished by such sources as [redacted] and [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of informants of a continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof, and such impairment could adversely effect the national defense interests of the country.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 4, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Delta Airlines Flight 409  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,  
Mississippi  
June 8, 1961

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The following freedom riders were arrested in  
Jackson, Mississippi on June 8, 1961, by the Jackson,  
Mississippi Police Department:

[redacted] Jackson Police Department Number [redacted]  
address - [redacted] New York, New York; [redacted]  
age [redacted] born - [redacted] at Bronx, New York.  
Height [redacted] Weight [redacted] Eyes [redacted] Hair [redacted]  
Build [redacted] Complexion [redacted] Marital Status [redacted]  
Occupation - member of State Legislature, New York. Father -  
[redacted] Mother [redacted] Education - Long Island  
University and Brooklyn Law School. Declined to furnish any  
information concerning prior arrests.

Percy E. Sutton  
Percy E. Sutton, Jackson Police Department  
Number 20969, address - 187-04 Williamson Avenue, Springfield  
Gardens, New York, New York; Negro, male, age - 40, born -  
November 24, 1920, at San Antonio, Texas. Height - 5'11".  
Weight - 189. Eyes - brown. Hair - black-gray. Build - medium.  
Complexion - [redacted] brown. Marital Status - married. Occupation -  
Attorney. Father - S.J. Sutton. Mother - Lillian Sutton.  
Education - Hampton Institute, Virginia, Columbia University. Admits prior labor picketing, is attorney for labor unions,  
New York, New York.

On July 25, 1961, Special Agents of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation observed the annual Emma Lazarus  
Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) ceremonies at the  
Statue of Liberty, Liberty Island, New York City, from 1:40 PM  
to 2:35 PM in celebration of the 112th anniversary of the birth  
of Emma Lazarus, author of the sonnet "New Colossus" which  
is inscribed on a bronze plaque within the pedestal of the  
statue. Approximately 110 women and 10 men were in attendance.

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
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Mollie Ilson, ELF, President, introduced Mark Lane, guest speaker, as the New York State assemblyman from Yorkville and Harlem areas of New York City, and as a modern abolitionist and a Freedom Rider. Lane stated that he has been criticized by many people, including President John F. Kennedy, for his actions in traveling to the southern states, being referred to as a "meddler from the north".

New York T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 16, 1959, that the Kings County Communist Party (CP) Convention was held on November 13-14, 1959, at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. On November 14, 1959, delegates to the State Convention of the CP were voted upon. Mollie Ilson was elected as an alternate delegate.

Lane stated that he fought with the Army in World War II with one purpose in mind, which was for the whole country. He does not feel that he was an outsider in going to Montgomery, Alabama, and feels that the President should take an affirmative stand supporting the action of those people who wish to see that the Negro and the white can travel together.

On April 26, 1961, New York T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee sponsored a rally at Saint Nicholas Arena, 67 West 66th Street, New York City, on April 22, 1961, with Mark Lane included among the speakers.

On May 22, 1961, New York T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a membership meeting of the New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was held on May 17, 1961, at the Victoria Hotel, 7th Avenue and 51st Street, New York City, with Mark Lane in attendance.

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Delta Airlines Flight 409  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,  
Mississippi  
June 8, 1961

Characterizations of ELF, The New York Council to  
Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee and NLG are  
attached hereto.

All sources used in the characterization of the  
ELF and The New York Council to Abolish the Un-American  
Activities Committee have furnished reliable information in  
the past.

This document contains neither  
recommendations nor conclusions  
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EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted that the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

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On May 11, 1961, a source advised that the ELF is one of several mass organizations comprising the Jewish cultural progressive movement. [REDACTED] who is a member of the New York State Communist Party (CP) Board and Committee, is the leading force in the organization, whose leadership is largely made up of Communists.

The source stated that the ELF claims to be for peace and interested in protecting the rights of the foreign born. It is against the BEN GURION Government of Israel, bomb testing, anti-Semitism, Negro discrimination, and the rearmament of West Germany.

The source related that the ELF renders support to and receives support from the "Morning Freiheit" and any other Jewish progressive organizations.

The source also stated that the ELF is recognized by the CP, USA as an important progressive national organization of women.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
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Mississippi  
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EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS (CONT'D)

The IWO, JPFO and CP, USA have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Delta Airlines Flight 409  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,  
Mississippi  
June 8, 1961

THE NEW YORK COUNCIL TO  
ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN  
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of [redacted] Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that [redacted] was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

The "National Guardian" in January 16, 1961, issue, page 7, column 1, contained an article which states that the NYCAUAC has only one objective: "to help the National Committee as vigorously as possible in its endeavors to mobilize the American people in a campaign to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

A third source furnished on March 9, 1961, a prospectus of the NCAUAC prepared principally by [redacted] [redacted] which in reference to "local abolition committees" stated that these committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent program as possible. The prospectus also stated that the NYCAUAC was responsible for coordinating abolition activities on the Atlantic coast.

Various sources have advised in April, 1961, that Communist Party members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAUAC during attendance at Communist Party club meetings.

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DATE 11-30-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/23/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-480)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS, 1961, ILLINOIS CENTRAL  
RAILROAD LEAVING NEW ORLEANS, LA., 7:15 A.M.,  
5/30/61, AND ARRIVING JACKSON, MISS., 10:16 A.M.,  
5/30/61  
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(OO: New Orleans)

Re New Orleans letter to Albany, 9/8/61.

Relet set forth the identities of a group of Freedom Riders arrested by the Jackson, Miss., Police Dept., on 5/30/61, which group included [redacted] mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

It is noted that information in enclosed letterhead memorandum was previously set forth in report of SA [redacted] dated 8/2/61, at NY, entitled "FREEBUS; RACIAL MATTERS".

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater NY, reviewed by IC [redacted] on 9/20/61, and records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, reviewed by SA DAVID G. JENKINS on 9/19/61, reflected no additional information concerning [redacted]

Informants mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

Agency *J. J. Connelley* T-1  
Reg. Rec'd *10/11/61*  
Date Forw. *10/11/61*  
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By *10/11/61* NY T-2  
By *10/11/61* NY T-3

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 23, 1961

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Re: Freedom Riders, 1961, Illinois  
Central Railroad Leaving New  
Orleans, Louisiana, 7:15 a.m.,  
May 30, 1961, and Arriving  
Jackson, Mississippi, 10:16 a.m.  
May 30, 1961  
Racial Matters; Civil Rights

The following Freedom Rider was arrested by the  
Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department on May 30, 1961:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Rye, New York, [redacted] age [redacted] student, Cornell  
University, Ithaca, New York. [redacted] feet, [redacted] inches, [redacted]  
pounds, [redacted] complexion, [redacted] hair, [redacted] eyes, mother,  
[redacted] father [redacted]

During June, 1961, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that [redacted] was one  
of a group of students at Cornell University, Ithaca, New  
York, who have either volunteered as Freedom Riders or as  
persons who have been acting on the campus in behalf of the  
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) through the Cornell  
Committee Against Segregation. 1A.  
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[redacted] Registrar's  
Office, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, furnished the  
following background information:

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, 10/4  
admitted to Cornell in September, 1958, from Rye High School.  
Parent [redacted] Rye, New York.

On October 30, 1944, NY T-2 made available information  
which indicated that Phil Sterling, 39-22 46th Street, Long  
Island City, New York, was then a member of the Sunnyside  
Club, Communist Political Association (CPA), 46-14 Queens  
Boulevard, Long Island City, New York.

The CPA has been designated by the  
Attorney General of the United States  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-2 has furnished reliable information in  
the past.

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Re: Freedom Riders, 1961, Illinois  
Central Railroad Leaving New  
Orleans, Louisiana, 7:15 a.m.,  
May 30, 1961, and Arriving  
Jackson, Mississippi, 10:16 a.m.,  
May 30, 1961.

~~Philip Sterling~~

It is noted that Philip Sterling, Kirby Lane North,  
Rye, New York, previously resided at 39-22 46th Street, Long  
Island City, New York.

On August 1, 1949, NY T-3 advised that Philip Sterling  
was then employed as press representative by the Columbia  
Broadcasting System and had been reported to be active in  
the Communist "Cell" in Queens, New York, under the name of  
Stevenson and allegedly had written for the "Daily Worker"  
under that name.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast  
Communist newspaper which suspended  
publication on January 13, 1958.

NY T-3 has furnished reliable information in the  
past.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-225892~~)

DATE: 10/9/61

FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-130)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus  
#4450, From Nashville, Tennessee,  
to Jackson, Mississippi, 5:15 PM,  
5/27/61, to 5:37 AM, 5/28/61

RM - CR  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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Re New Orleans letter to Birmingham 8/31/61.

Being submitted herewith are an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and one copy to New Orleans on the above captioned matter.

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157-387-1141

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2 - New Orleans (157-279) (Enc  
1 - Knoxville  
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Agency 9-2, Oni, Oni & CRD  
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 By RBL: eph 1/5

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Knoxville, Tennessee  
October 9, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus  
#4450, From Nashville, Tennessee,  
to Jackson, Mississippi, 5:15 PM,  
5/27/61, to 5:37 AM, 5/28/61  
RACIAL MATTER - CIVIL RIGHTS

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On 9/15/61, [redacted] Identification  
Officer, Chattanooga, Tennessee Police Department, and  
[redacted] Chattanooga Credit Bureau, Chattanooga,  
Tennessee, both advised Special Agent [redacted] the  
files of their respective offices did not reflect any record  
identifiable with [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee,  
student, Tennessee A. & L. born [redacted] Hamilton  
County, Tennessee [redacted] lbs. [redacted]  
hair [redacted] eyes [redacted] complexion, mother [redacted] father [redacted]

*TENN*  
The files of the Knoxville Office contain no  
information other than that set forth above.

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Date: 10/11/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS *FREEDOM RIDERS*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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FR [redacted] tried Hinds County Court 10/11/61, entered plea not guilty, tried and found guilty, sentenced to \$200 fine and four months in jail. Appealed conviction to Circuit Court and released same date on \$1500 appeal bond. *LA*

A mistrial was declared in the case of FR [redacted] new trail set for 10/16/61.

*LA* Following is summary as of 5:00 p.m. 10/11/61

No FR arrested or released on bond at Jackson Municipal court today or since 10/10/61 summary.

Total arrested - 312.

Released on bond from Municipal court - 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County court - 21.

Paid fines - 56. *EX 100*

Released to attorney - 1. *REC-32*

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1. *OCT 13 1961*

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds county court - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawal appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 13. *ALL FR eating at Hinds county jail.*

3- Bureau

1- New Orleans

JWH:tjb (4)

Approved: *66 OCT 18 1961* Sent

Special Agent in Charge

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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 6, 1961

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-72)

SUBJECT: RIDERS  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailway Bus, Montgomery,  
Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi  
7/7/61  
RM; CR  
OO: New Orleans

Agency: D-2, Ori, Ore & CRD  
Date: 10/12/61  
How: By  
By: 1 cc Dig. unit  
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Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, 8/10/61, at New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith are an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the investigation at Saginaw, Michigan, of [redacted]

All investigation recorded therein was conducted by SA(A) [redacted] Two copies of letterhead memorandum are also enclosed for New Orleans.

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4 - Bureau (Enclosures-8) (REGISTERED)  
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3 - Detroit

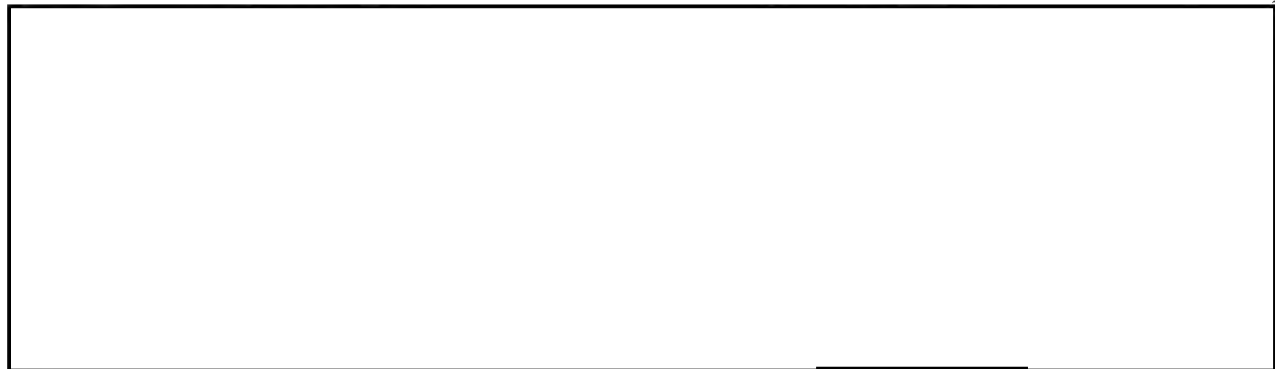
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For the Bureau's information [redacted] Saginaw, Michigan's, only known Freedom Rider, was lionized by a group of persons in Saginaw after he returned from the Freedom Ride trip. One of the leaders of this group was [redacted] First Presbyterian Church, 1650 Brockway, Saginaw.

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On August 23, 1961, Detective [redacted] Michigan State Police, Bay City, Michigan, advised SA(A) [redacted] mother of [redacted]



On September 20, 1961, [redacted] Saginaw, Michigan (protect with respect to this information) informed that [redacted]

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Age Group	Percentage
18-24	85%
25-34	65%
35-44	35%
45-54	15%
55-64	10%
65-74	5%
75+	5%

**Detroit Indices contain no derogatory information  
identifiable with [REDACTED]**

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Detroit, Michigan  
October 6, 1961

Freedom Ride, 1961 Trailway  
Bus, Montgomery, Alabama,  
to Jackson, Mississippi  
July 7, 1961

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On September 21, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] Credit Bureau of Saginaw, 219 South Washington  
Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan, informed that the files contained  
no information identifiable with [redacted]

On September 20, 1961, Sergeant [redacted]  
Saginaw Police Department, stated that the records of this  
department disclosed no arrests for [redacted]

On September 20, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] Traffic Violations Bureau, City Hall Building, Saginaw,  
Michigan, informed that [redacted]  
[redacted] Saginaw, Michigan, was cited for [redacted] on March  
25, 1960. [redacted] This offense  
occurred in Saginaw, Michigan, and the traffic summons issued  
to [redacted] disclosed that he was born [redacted] was  
[redacted] feet tall, weighed [redacted] pounds and was a student at  
Arthur Hill High School, Saginaw. [redacted] pled guilty  
to this charge and paid a \$12.00 fine.

On September 20, 1961, [redacted]  
Identification Division, Saginaw County Sheriff's Department,  
stated that she could locate no arrest or traffic record  
identifiable with [redacted]

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## Freedom Ride

On September 20, 1961 [redacted]  
[redacted] 425 South Warren Avenue, advised  
that the records of the Board of Education reveal that  
[redacted] entered the 11th grade of Arthur Hill High  
School, Saginaw, Michigan, on December 8, 1958, and was  
graduated from that school in June, 1960. [redacted] resided  
at [redacted] Saginaw, when he entered this high  
school and later changed his address to [redacted]  
Saginaw. His parents are [redacted] of Toledo,  
Ohio, and [redacted] of Saginaw, Michigan. His  
parents are [redacted] was born [redacted]  
[redacted] Ohio. WIS

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/6/61

WA  
FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (157-33)

SUBJECT: Freedom Ride, 1961

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #205

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

5:30 AM, JUNE 9, 1961

RM; CR

(OO New Orleans)

Re New Orleans letter to Boston, 9/12/61.

There are enclosed the original and seven copies for the Bureau of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] mentioned in relet. Two copies are being sent to Cincinnati in view of the fact that [redacted] is currently attending Central State College, Dayton, Ohio, and one copy is being sent to New Orleans for information.

Investigation at Elmira, New York was conducted by SA [redacted]

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- ② - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-296) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Buffalo

(1 - 157-37, [redacted])

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Date Forw. 10/11/61

How Forw. R/S

By [redacted]

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Buffalo, New York

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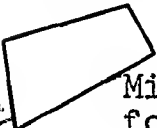
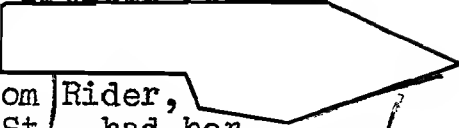
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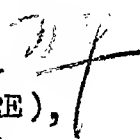
PATRICIA ELAINE ~~BRYANT~~

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"The Elmira Star - Gazette," a daily newspaper published in Elmira, New York, in its issue of Wednesday, September 20, 1961, contained an article headlined "Elmira 'Rider' Fined \$200, Term Suspended." The article read as follows:

APPROX:  "Elmira's convicted 'Freedom Rider,' Miss Patricia ~~Bryant~~ of 706 Baldwin St., had her four-month jail sentence suspended Tuesday in Jackson, Miss.  Colored

"However, she was ordered to pay a \$200 fine after she declined to appeal a breach of the peace conviction before Hinds County Judge Russel Moore.

~~Bryant~~  "Her father, Isaac, said the fine may be paid by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), a group that is working for integration through peaceful means.

"Bryant said his daughter will now return to Central Ohio State College in Dayton, Ohio to finish her education.

"The 20-year-old student, who will be a junior this year, agreed to interrupt her education early in June when she decided to challenge Jackson's segregation policies.

"Miss Bryant, a Negro, and four white girls left Ohio June 7 and were arrested June 9 when they refused to leave the white waiting room of a railroad station there.

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PATRICIA ELAINE BRYANT

"She was convicted and sentenced to a penalty more severe than any that had been given a 'Freedom Rider' up to that time -- a four-month jail term and a \$200 fine.

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"She had served a week of the jail term before she was freed on \$500 bond raised by CORE.

"She was active in CORE work at Central Ohio State College."

On September 22, 1961, [redacted]  
Elmira, New York Police Department, and [redacted]  
Deputy Sheriff, Chemung County Sheriff's Office,  
Elmira, New York, both advised they have no record of  
[redacted]

On September 26, 1961, [redacted]  
Credit Bureau of Elmira, Inc., Elmira, New York, advised  
that although [redacted] is on file with his credit  
bureau, the only thing in her file are newspaper clippings  
referring to her activities as a "Freedom Rider."

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Date: 10/12/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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*0* FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

No FR tried in Hinds County Court, 10/12/61.

Following is summary as of 4 p.m., 10/12/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Miss., since 10/11/61 summary. Total arrested, 312. Released on bond from Municipal Court, 296. Released on bond from Hinds County Court, 21. Paid fines, 56. Released to attorney, 1. Released on probation, 4. Released as charges dismissed, 1. Released on expiration sentence, 1. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court, 4. Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal, 2. Net in custody, 13. All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.

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2 - New Orleans

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/10/61

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-297)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
 Trailways Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama,  
 to Jackson, Mississippi  
 7:00 am to 1:15 pm  
 May 28, 1961  
 RM, CR  
 (OO: New Orleans)

Re New Orleans letter to Atlanta 9/12/61 which requested  
 that letterhead memorandum be submitted to Bureau in  
 this case.

Eight copies of letterhead memorandum dated 10/10/61  
 submitted herewith to Bureau and one copy to New Orleans.

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2-Bureau (Encls 8) (RM)  
 2-New Orleans (157-278) (Encl 1) (RM)  
 1-Tampa  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Tampa, Florida  
October 10, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus #5141 from Montgomery,  
Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi  
7:00 am to 1:15 pm  
May 28, 1961

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The indices of the Tampa Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reveal the following with reference to [redacted] one of the freedom riders arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on May 28, 1961:

On June 19, 1961, a long distance telephone call was made from telephone number [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, to telephone number [redacted] Orlando, Florida, issued to [redacted] Orlando.

On October 4, 1961, [redacted] Orlando Credit Bureau; Sergeant [redacted] Identification Bureau, Orlando Police Department and Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Identification Bureau, Orlando, Florida, advised their respective files contain no record identifiable with [redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: 10/10/61

FROM : SAC, Atlanta (157-232)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #5141  
MONTGOMERY, ALA. TO JACKSON, MISS.  
2:14 PM, 6/2/61  
RM, CR  
New Orleans OO

Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous

Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning [redacted]. Two copies are also being submitted to New Orleans.

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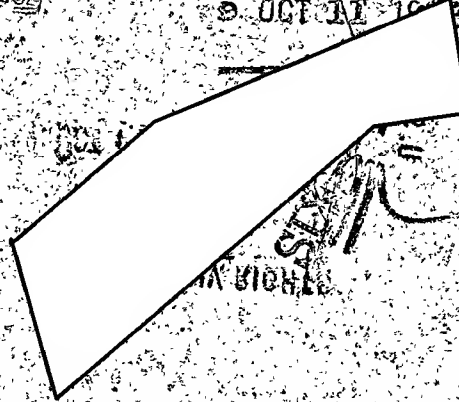
- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 8)
- 2 - New Orleans (Encl. 2)
- 1 - Atlanta

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Atlanta, Georgia  
October 10, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #5141  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 2:14 PM, June 2, 1961

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on September 20, 1961, that a check of credit records failed to indicate a file had been established for [redacted]

[redacted] Identification Bureau, Atlanta, furnished the following information from Atlanta Police Department file number [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested October 19, 1960, for violation of Section 497, Georgia Law 1960 [redacted] [redacted], which charge was dismissed October 19, 1960. [redacted] was again arrested December 12, 1960 on same charge and was bound over to Fulton County, Georgia Criminal Court.

The following is a description of [redacted] as obtained from Atlanta Police Department file:

Race  
Sex  
Born  
Build  
Height  
Weight  
Complexion  
Hair  
Eyes  
Marital status  
Address  
Occupation  
Relatives

[redacted]	Georgia
[redacted]	Atlanta GA
[redacted]	Student, Spellman College, Atlanta
[redacted]	

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

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Captain [redacted] Atlanta Police Department, advised that [redacted] years of age, [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, was arrested for a sit-in demonstration at Rich's Department Store, Atlanta, on October 19, 1960, but the case was dismissed.

The Atlanta Constitution, an Atlanta daily newspaper, in its issue of December 13, 1960, reflected that Ruby Doris Smith of 794 Fraser Street, SE, Atlanta, was one of four persons arrested for sitting-in at a restaurant in the Terminal Station, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Birmingham News, in its issue of December 12, 1960, reflected that Ruby Doris Smith, age 18, a student at Spellman College, Atlanta, was one of four persons who sat in a white waiting room at the bus station in Birmingham, Alabama, on December 11, 1960, and then left at the request of the police.

The Atlanta Constitution, in its issue of August 8, 1960, had an article which reflected that Ruby Doris Smith, a junior at Spellman College, attempted a "kneel in" at the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on August 7, 1960.

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Date: 10/14/61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT : FREEBUS

*O-Freedom Riders-Misc*

No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Mississippi  
10/14/61. Summary for 10/14/61 same as 10/13/61 summary.

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Date: 10/13/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*Freedom Riders Misc*

A check of Hinds County SO records, Jackson, Miss. on 10/12/61, reflects they list the following 12 FR as still in custody:

Above individuals are serving out sentences imposed in Jackson Municipal Court and must serve out their entire time as the time for their appeals expired.

are serving out sentences imposed in Hinds County Court.

No FR tried in Hinds County Court 10/13/61. Following is summary as of 4 PM 10/13/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Miss. since 10/12/61 summary. Total arrested 312. Released on bond from Municipal Court 296. Released on bond from Hinds County Court 21. Paid fines, 56. Released to attorney 1. Released on probation 4. Released as charges dismissed 1. Released on expiration sentence 1. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court 4. Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal 2. Net in custody 12. All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent *[Signature]*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/11/61

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-66)

SUBJECT: 0 771-50211/ANCOUS  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961  
RM; CR  
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re New Orleans letter to Atlanta (interoffice) dated 9/13/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum and for New Orleans, one copy.

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- ② - Bureau (Encs. 8)
  - 2 - New Orleans (157-313)(Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Boston
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

October 11, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961  
RM; CR

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On September 27, 1961, personnel of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 11 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts, which covers Waban (Newton), Massachusetts advised the files of this bureau contained no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

On September 27, 1961, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the state advised the files of this office contained no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

On October 6, 1961, Sergeant [REDACTED] Newton, Massachusetts Police Department, advised the files of this department contained no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/12/61

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (157-356)

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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

Trailways Bus 5708, from Nashville, Tennessee  
to Jackson, Mississippi, June 7, 1961

RM; CR

(OO:NEW ORLEANS)

Re New Orleans letter to Butte, 9/15/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
of a letterhead memo and one copy to New Orleans as requested  
in relet, which sets forth pertinent information concerning  
Freedom Riders from this area.

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- ② Bureau (Encl. 8)
  - 2 - New Orleans (157-291)
  - 1 - Richmond
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Agency Richmond CRD  
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Richmond, Virginia

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RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus 5708, from Nashville,  
Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi,  
June 7, 1961

The following information is being set forth  
concerning [redacted]

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Miss.*

[redacted] students of Virginia Union  
University, Richmond, Virginia, who as freedom riders were  
arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department  
on June 7, 1961:

On September 27, 1961, [redacted] Records  
Section, Richmond Police Department, Richmond, Virginia,  
advised that her files contain the following for [redacted]  
[redacted] Richmond Police Department No. [redacted]

*Tenn.  
Miss.  
VA*

He was arrested on February 22, 1960, on a charge  
of trespassing at Thalhimers Department Store, Richmond,  
Virginia, during a protest demonstration at segregated eating  
facilities in this store. [redacted] residence was listed  
as New Haven, Connecticut; race [redacted] sex [redacted] age [redacted]  
born [redacted] at New Haven, Connecticut; height  
[redacted] lbs.; hair [redacted] eyes [redacted] complexion [redacted]  
scars and marks [redacted] occupation, student; marital status,  
[redacted] relatives, father [redacted] New Haven,  
Connecticut; mother [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut;  
driver's license, Connecticut [redacted] military service,  
none; previous arrest, none.

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RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus 5708, from Nashville,  
Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi,  
June 7, 1961

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[redacted] advised that her records reflected that [redacted] residing at [redacted] Richmond, Virginia, was arrested on April 1, 1959 for [redacted] and was tried on April 2, 1959, and fined \$10. He was described as a [redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted] at Richmond, Virginia [redacted] lbs., hair [redacted] eyes [redacted] complexion [redacted] occupation student. [redacted] advised her files contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

On September 29, 1961, [redacted] Richmond Credit Bureau, Richmond, Virginia, advised her files contain no information identifiable with the above individuals.

On October 6, 1960, the Richmond Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, reported that the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals announced on October 5, 1960 that it would review the convictions of [redacted] who was convicted of trespassing when he sought services at Thalhimers Department Store, during a sit-in demonstration in February 1960. The article reported that [redacted] is one of the thirty-four students from Virginia Union University who was arrested in Thalhimers, and the Supreme Court's decision on this case will control the other thirty-three cases which have also been appealed.

On April 25, 1961, the Richmond Times Dispatch, a daily newspaper, Richmond, Virginia, reported that the Supreme Court of Appeals for the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 24, 1961 rendered a decision up-holding the conviction of [redacted] student of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, who was arrested on trespassing charges with thirty-three other students during a sit-in demonstration in February 1960.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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FRs [REDACTED]

tried Hinds County Court, 10/16/61, entered pleas of not guilty, tried and found guilty, sentenced to \$200 fine and 4 months in jail. Appealed conviction to Circuit Court and released same date on \$1,500 appeal bond.

Following is a summary as of 4:30 p.m., 10/16/61:

No FRs arrested or released on bond, Jackson Municipal Court today or since 10/15/61 summary.

Total arrested 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court 23.

Paid fines 56.

Released to attorney 1.

Released on probation 4.

Released as charge dismissed 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

- ③ - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Sent *[Signature]*

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Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court - 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 12.

All FRs eating at Hinds County Jail.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/5/61

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45748)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961  
RM; CR

*FREEDOM RIDE - MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA*

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(OO - New Orleans)

Re New Orleans letter 9/13/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies to the Bureau and one copy to New Orleans of a memo concerning [redacted] a Freedom Rider who was arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department on 6/21/61.

The files of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau and the Philadelphia Police Department were checked by IC [redacted]

## Informants

### Identity of Source

PH T-1 - [redacted]  
PH T-2 - NY 2471-S\*  
PH T-3 - NY 3245-S\*  
PH T-4 - [redacted]

### Location

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### Appendix Informants

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- 2 - Bureau (157-387) (Encls. - 8) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-313) (Encl.-1) (Registered)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-45748)

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

October 5, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961

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On June 21, 1961, the below-named Freedom Rider  
was arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department:

Name:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Birth Data:

Occupation:

Marital Status:

Parents:

Education:

Height:

Weight:

[Redacted] PA.

N. Y.

N. Y.

Two years, Swarthmore College,  
Swarthmore, Pa.

[Redacted]

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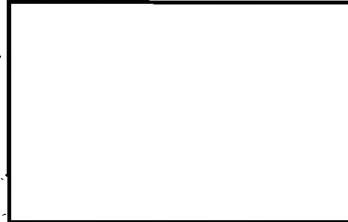
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:



On September 26, 1960, PH T-1 advised that he had observed a subscription receipt from the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" in the name of [redacted] Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. The receipt reflected the payment of \$5.00 on September 20, 1960.

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" was an East coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication January 13, 1958.

PH T-2 advised that on October 2, 1960 [redacted] contacted the offices of "The Worker" in New York City and desired to confer with James Jackson, Editor of "The Worker." Jackson was not available and [redacted] mentioned that she was acting as a representative of a campus organization at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. She wished to invite Jackson to speak at the college on the afternoon of October 23, 1960 as the representative of the Communist Party. She said the meeting was being sponsored under the auspices of a campus organization called "Forum for Free Speech." She said the purpose of the organization was to invite speakers to the campus who ordinarily would not be invited by other campus organizations. [redacted] said that Jackson would be expected to present the Communist Party's stand on election issues as well as the broader question of the role of the Communist Party in U. S. political life. [redacted] said that "a lot of people here, as there are in many places, are under the illusion that the CP is an agent of some international conspiracy and isn't interested in what is going on in the United States. She would like to clear up this misconception if it is at all possible." [redacted] mentioned that she and a friend had visited Jackson on another occasion.

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TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961

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On May 21, 1961, PH T-3 advised that the name, [redacted] Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., appeared on [redacted] maintained by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Room 329, 799 Broadway, New York, New York.

On August 3, 1961, PH T-4 advised that [redacted] of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee Philadelphia Chapter included the name [redacted] Swarthmore College.

The records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., and the Philadelphia Police Department were checked on September 27, 1961 and no record of [redacted] could be located.

Characterizations of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and the Philadelphia Chapter of this organization are set forth in the Appendix of this memorandum.

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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER  
FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

A source advised on April 3, 1961, that the Philadelphia Chapter, Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC) is a branch of the national organization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

The source stated that the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (PBSWP) has been very active in organizing and directing all the activities of this group and that several PBSWP members held positions as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

October 5, 1961

Title

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961

Character

Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned as  
above at Philadelphia

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/16/61

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-319)

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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Memphis airtel and letterhead memorandum to  
the Bureau, 9/26/61.

CS (RAC) [redacted] advised SAs [redacted]

[redacted] on 10/6/61, that he has no knowledge of  
the conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
held 9/28 and 29/61, at Nashville, Tenn. He has heard no  
mention made of this conference in his association with leaders  
of the NAACP in the Jacksonville, Fla. area.

It is his opinion, although he is not positive,  
that a few years ago the NAACP was outlawed in the State of  
Alabama and from that time on, the organization has operated  
under the name of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.  
He has no further information concerning this matter.

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2 - Memphis (RM)  
1 - Jacksonville  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 13, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 2, 1961

On September 29, 1961, [redacted] Somerset County Credit  
Bureau, Somerset, Pa., advised that she had no record for [redacted]  
[redacted]

On September 29, 1961, [redacted] Deputy Clerk of Criminal  
Courts, Somerset County, Somerset, Pa., advised that she had no  
arrest record for [redacted] *PA, ALA, MISS.*

It should be noted that the records of the above agencies cover  
Somerset County and Berlin, Pa.

On September 29, 1951, Sergeant [redacted] Pennsylvania State  
Police, Somerset, Pa., advised that he was acquainted with [redacted]  
[redacted] who is the son of [redacted]

This office has received no previous information regarding  
[redacted]

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Date: 10/15/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
FREEDOM RIDERS  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Mississippi,  
10/15/61. Summary for 10/15/61, same as 10/13/61 summary.

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2 - New Orleans

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C. G. Wick

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/13/61

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-115)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus 5708 from  
Nashville, Tennessee, to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
6/7/61  
RM; CR  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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## FREEDOM RIDERS- MISCELLANEOUS

Re New Orleans letter to Butte, 9/15/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for New Orleans one copy of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above, concerning [REDACTED]

Pittsburgh indices are negative concerning [REDACTED]

Records of the #9 Precinct, Pittsburgh Police Department, were checked by SA [REDACTED] All other record checks were conducted by IC [REDACTED]

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- 2- Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 1- New Orleans (157-291) (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
- 1- Pittsburgh

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Agency B-2, NY, CRD  
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Date 10/17/61  
How RM  
By 1cc [unclear]  
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus 5708 from Nashville,  
Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi  
June 7, 1961

[redacted] a student at Virginia Union University,  
Richmond, Virginia, whose parents reside at [redacted]  
[redacted] Pittsburgh 12, Pa., was one of a group  
of freedom riders arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi,  
Police Department on June 7, 1961. [redacted] indicated he had  
been arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department in August,  
1960, for loitering.

Records of the Pittsburgh Police Department and the Alle-  
gheny County Detective Bureau, Pittsburgh, checked on  
September 29, 1961, contained no record for [redacted]

Records of the Magistrate's Court, #9 Precinct, Pittsburgh  
Police Department, Arch Street (North Side), Pittsburgh,  
checked on October 9, 1961, for the period June to December,  
1960, contained no arrest record for [redacted]

Records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., 415 Smithfield Street,  
Pittsburgh, checked on September 29, 1961, contained no  
information concerning [redacted] but reflected a credit report  
dated March 23, 1960, for [redacted] and his  
[redacted] Pittsburgh 12, Pa.

This report indicated that [redacted] had been [redacted]  
of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 22 Sampsonia Street,  
Pittsburgh, for four years; that he formerly resided at  
[redacted] Virginia; that he was age  
[redacted] in 1960; and that he had [redacted] (unnamed) being  
in college. This report indicated that his credit was "slow"  
in Newport News and that he had had two "slow and unsatisfactory"  
accounts in Pittsburgh since 1956.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/13/61

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (157-53)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus 5708, from Nashville, Tennessee  
to Jackson, Mississippi, June 7, 1961  
RM; CR  
OO: New Orleans

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## "FREEDOM RIDERS- MISCELLANEOUS"

Re New Orleans letter to Butte, 9/15/61 (Interoffice).

Enclosed to the Bureau are 8 copies of Letterhead  
Memorandum concerning [redacted] and 1 copy of same.  
Letterhead Memorandum is enclosed to New Orleans.

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1-New Orleans (157-291) (Enc 1)

1-Butte

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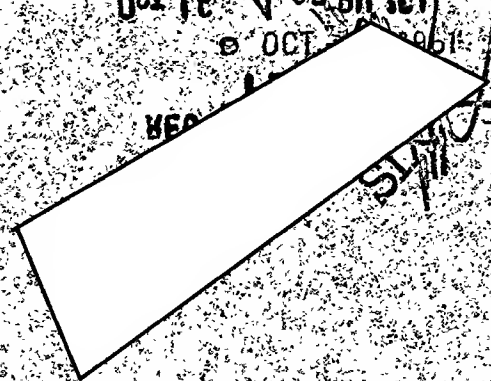
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Agency 1-2. Cr. Bu. + CRD  
Req. Rec'd 10/17/61  
Date Forw. 10/17/61  
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2 cc. [unclear]



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United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Butte, Montana  
October 13, 1961

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[REDACTED]  
Jackson, Mississippi

On October 3, 1961, Sheriff BUD TAYLOR, Grangeville, Idaho, identified the photograph of [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, No. 20957, as identical with [REDACTED] who has resided in Grangeville for several years.

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Sheriff TAYLOR stated [REDACTED] has no arrest record here. He said [REDACTED] are respected people in Grangeville.

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Idaho-Lewis Counties, Grangeville, Idaho, advised on October 3, 1961, there is no record here for [REDACTED] but there is a record for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has had a record here since 1938. [REDACTED] record is good. [REDACTED] stated she knows from her own knowledge that [REDACTED] was born and raised in Grangeville and that he was an excellent student and a boy of good character.

BORN - GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO

On October 3, 1961, Chief of Police LEO WHITCOMB, Grangeville, Idaho, advised there is no arrest record here for [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/10/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-488)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #2  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 10:20 AM, JUNE 8, 1961  
RM; CR  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

Re New Orleans letter to NY, 9/18/61.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Relet set forth a list of freedom riders who were arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department on 6/8/61, and offices receiving copies of relet were requested to check indices, credit and criminal records on those riders living or working in their respective territories.

Included in this list, residing or working in the NY area were the following:

Agency: [redacted] NY 53, NY  
Req. Rec'd: [redacted] New Rochelle, NY  
Date Forw. 10/12/61  
How Forw. R/S  
By: [redacted] Brooklyn, NY

Enclosed letterhead contains additional information concerning [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by NYO but no additional information was developed:

NYO indices reflected no additional pertinent information concerning [redacted] CARMICHAEL or [redacted]

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, reviewed by IC [redacted] on 9/26/61, reflected no additional pertinent information concerning [redacted] CARMICHAEL.

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2-Bureau (157-387) (Encl. 8) (RM)  
1-New Orleans (157-293) (Encl. 1)  
1-New York (157-488)

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Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, reviewed by SA DAVID G. JENKINS on 10/2/61, reflected no information concerning [redacted] or CARMICHAEL.

On 9/26/61, [redacted] Westchester Credit and Collection Bureaus, Inc., White Plains, NY, and Detective [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification, New Rochelle, NY, Police Department, both advised SA [redacted] they could furnish no additional information concerning [redacted]

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, containing information concerning [redacted] were reviewed by IC [redacted] on 9/26/61 and by SA DAVID G. JENKINS on 10/2/61 respectively.

NY T-1 mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] and NY T-2 is [redacted]

(per request).

Information attributed to [redacted] set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum was furnished to SA [redacted]

The sources utilized in the characterization of "Advance" in the order of their appearance are:

Former [redacted]  
NY 2359-S\*

NY 2017-S\*  
NY 2358-S\*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 10, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad Train #2  
New Orleans, Louisiana To Jackson,  
Mississippi, 10:20 am, June 8, 1961

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The below listed freedom riders were arrested by  
the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department on June 8, 1961:

[redacted] Jackson Police Department  
Number [redacted], New  
York 53, New York. [redacted] age [redacted]  
born [redacted] at New York City, [redacted]  
[redacted] pounds, [redacted] eyes, [redacted] com-  
plexion, [redacted] build, [redacted] education -  
2 years City College of New York. Mother -  
[redacted] Father [redacted]  
Occupation - student. Admits picketing New  
York bus station, 1961.

[redacted] Jackson Police Department Number  
[redacted] Washington,  
D.C., and [redacted] New  
York [redacted] male, age [redacted] born [redacted]  
at Edenton, North Carolina [redacted] pounds,  
[redacted] eyes [redacted] hair, [redacted] complexion [redacted]  
build [redacted] education - 6 months college.  
mother [redacted] father [redacted]  
occupation [redacted] Admits arrest  
Brooklyn, New York, Police Department, July,  
1958, for [redacted] Admits  
picketing bus station, Washington, D.C., 1960.

On January 29, 1961 and June 11, 1961, NY T-1 who  
has furnished reliable information in the past, made available  
information which indicated that the name [redacted]

[redacted] Bronx 52, New York, was maintained by the  
office of Advance, An Organization of Brogressive Youth, Room  
636, 799 Broadway, New York City, New York.

A characterization of Advance appears in the appendix  
section attached hereto and all sources mentioned therein have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

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Re Freedom Ride, 1961

On July 21, 1961, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished a list of names and addresses of City College of New York (CCNY) students who refused to take shelter on April 28, 1961, during a civil defense exercise.

Included in this list of CCNY students was [redacted]

[redacted] Bronx 53, New York.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reviewed on September 26, 1961, contained an article which appeared in the July 6, 1958 issue of the "Sunday News", a New York City newspaper, relating that Travis O. Britt, 237 Nassau Street, Brooklyn, New York, "a 260 pound giant of a man attacked 2 New York City policemen when they attempted to arrest him as he tried to break into his father-in-law's home to take his wife home." The article went on to state that Travis' wife, Victoria, age 19, had taken refuge in the home of her father, Reverend William Stokes, after a quarrel with her husband. According to the "Sunday News" article, Britt was charged with felonious assault and sent to the prison ward at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York.

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Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, reviewed on October 2, 1961, indicated that [redacted] born [redacted] at Edenton, North Carolina [redacted] pounds, [redacted] hair and [redacted] eyes, New York City Police Department Number [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, on a charge of [redacted] [redacted] of the 73rd Precinct, New York City Police Department. On December 9, 1958 [redacted] appeared before Judge Sobel, Kings County Court, Brooklyn, New York, and received a suspended sentence.

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth

A confidential source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance was organized at a founding convention held in New York City on February 13-14, 1960.

A second confidential source advised on March 2, 1960, that the Declaration of Principles adopted at the founding convention of Advance included the following pertinent points: a stand for peace and total disarmament; equal rights; anti-discrimination; struggles against forces of opposition to the Bill of Rights; an organized approach to Marxist theory; inform prospective applicants of the group's Declaration of Principles. This source stated that the Declaration of Principles was believed by the Communist Party (CP), USA Secretariat to be essentially the line of the National CP leadership.

A third confidential source advised on April 4, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission held on [redacted] a slate of officers to be presented at the Advance Convention scheduled for [redacted] was discussed. It was pointed out that the CP desired all Party members to support this slate which included [redacted]

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A third confidential source advised on April 10, 1961, that at the Advance Convention held on April 9, 1961, MIKE STEIN was elected President, ROCHELLE HIRSHMAN as Organizational Vice President, and MARVIN MARKMAN as Executive Vice President.

The third confidential source advised on February 7, 1961, that [redacted] was appointed [redacted] of the New York District CP Youth Commission at a meeting of the Youth Commission held on [redacted]

A fourth confidential source advised on March 14, 1961, that [redacted] was as of that date, on the payroll of the New York District CP.

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth (Cont'd)

[ ] A fifth confidential source advised on [ ]  
[ ] that [ ] was approved as a member of the  
New York District CP Youth Commission at a meeting of the  
New York District CP Board held on that date.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated April 16, 1961, page 2, column 2, sets forth the Advance Office as Room 636, 799 Broadway, New York City. This article also sets forth that Advance needs to develop a well balanced club life of social education and political activity.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/13/61

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-104)

SUBJECT: *Freedom Riders - Misc*  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #205

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE to JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

5:30 A.M., June 9, 1961

RM; CR

(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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Re New Orleans letter to Bureau, dated 9/12/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies and for New Orleans two copies of Letterhead Memorandum concerning captioned matter suitable for dissemination. One copy of Letterhead Memorandum being enclosed for both the Buffalo and Boston Offices.

Information copies are being designated for Buffalo and Boston as subject's [redacted] respectively reside in area covered by those offices.

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- 2 - Bureau (157-387) (Enc. 8)
- 1 - Buffalo (Info.) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Boston (Info.) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Cincinnati (157-104) (Enc. 1)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #205  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, to JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
5:30 A.M., JUNE 9, 1961

On June 9, 1961, at 5:30 A.M., Freedom Ride, 1961,  
aboard Illinois Central Railroad Train #205, was held from  
Nashville, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi. The below  
listed Freedom Riders were arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi  
Police Department on June 9, 1961:

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[redacted] Jackson PD [redacted] address - [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Dayton, Ohio, [redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] at Cleveland, Ohio, height - [redacted]  
[redacted] Weight [redacted] eyes [redacted] hair. Central  
State College. Mother [redacted] Father [redacted]  
[redacted] Education - 2 years college, Central State College,  
Ohio [redacted] Admits picketing at skating rink and  
cafe, Xenia and Dayton, Ohio.  
[redacted] Jackson PD [redacted] address [redacted]  
[redacted] Concord, New Hampshire, [redacted] age [redacted]  
[redacted] born [redacted] Missouri.  
Height [redacted] Weight [redacted] eyes [redacted] hair.  
[redacted] Complexion. Occupation - student, Central State  
College, Ohio. Mother [redacted] Father [redacted]  
[redacted] Education - 1 year Central State College, Ohio.  
Prior arrests - PD, Concord, New Hampshire, investigation  
[redacted] released. Admits participation in Peace Walk,  
New York City, 1958. March to U.N., Peace Walk from  
Boston, Massachusetts, 1960. Quaker Peace witness in  
New York City [redacted]  
States would [redacted] Peace demonstration  
in Dayton, Ohio, New Port, Indiana.

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[redacted] Jackson PD [redacted]  
[redacted] Elmira, New York. [redacted]  
[redacted] Age [redacted] born [redacted] at New York

City <sup>NY</sup> Height [redacted] Weight [redacted]  
eyes. [redacted] hair. [redacted] complexion. [redacted]  
Occupation - Student. Central State College. Mother -  
[redacted] Father [redacted] Marital status [redacted]  
Education - 2 years college, Central State College,  
Ohio. Admits picketing at Xenia, Ohio. 1960.

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On September 26, 1961, [redacted]  
Credit Bureau of Greene County, Inc., 34 East Main Street,  
Xenia, Ohio, which Bureau covers Wilberforce, Ohio, advised  
Bureau records contain no information for [redacted]  
[redacted]

On September 26, 1961, Chief ROBERT D. KILLEEN,  
Xenia, Ohio Police Department, and Deputy [redacted]  
Greene County, Ohio Sheriff's Office, advised records contain  
no arrest information for [redacted]  
[redacted]

Deputy [redacted] further advised that Wilberforce, Ohio  
has no Police Department and that law enforcement is handled  
by the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

On September 26, 1961, [redacted]  
Credit Bureau of Dayton, Inc., 38 North Ludlow Street, Dayton,  
Ohio, advised records contain no information for [redacted]  
[redacted]

On September 26, 1961, Patrolman [redacted]  
Records Section, Dayton, Ohio Police Department, advised  
departmental records contain no arrest information for [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

RE: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders - miscellaneous*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

No FR tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss.,  
10/18/61. Following is summary as of 4:00 P. M., 10/18/61:

NO FR arrested or released at Jackson, Miss.,  
since 10/17/61 summary. Total arrested 312. Released on  
bond from Municipal Court 296. Released on bond from Hinds  
County Court 25. Paid fines 56. Released to attorney 1.  
Released on probation 4. Released as charges dismissed 1.  
Released on expiration sentence 1. Confined to jail in lieu  
of bond from Hinds County Court 4. Confined to jail in lieu  
of fine after withdrawing appeal 2. Net in custody 12.  
All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
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Date: 10/17/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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*Freedom Riders - M. S. C.*

FRs [redacted] tried  
Hinds County Court, 10/17/61, entered plea of not guilty,  
tried and found guilty, sentenced to \$200 fine and 4 months in  
jail. Appealed conviction to Circuit Court and released same  
date on \$1,500 appeal bond.

Following is a summary as of 4:00 p.m., 10/17/61:

No FRs arrested or released at Jackson, Miss. since  
10/16/61 summary.

Total arrested 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court 25.

Paid fines 56.

Released to attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
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Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County  
Court - 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing  
appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 12.

All FRs eating at Hinds County Jail.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/18/61

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, dated 9/7/61.

In view of the fact that an appeal has been taken in connection with the arrest of the "Freedom Riders", UACB this case is being placed in a pending inactive status and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments as received from available sources.

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2 - Houston

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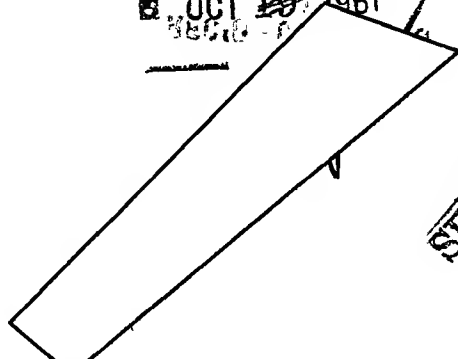
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/17/61

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-21)

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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

SUBJECT: MISC.  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 16, 1961  
RM, CR

OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re New Orleans let dated 9/12/61.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies for the Bureau and one copy for New Orleans of a letterhead memo dated and captioned as above, prepared pursuant to instructions contained in relet.

The files of the Albany Office contain no additional pertinent information with respect to either individual.

Investigation at Ithaca, NY, was conducted by SA PETER F. MAXSON.

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 8)
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Albany, New York  
October 17, 1961

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Freedom Ride, 1961,  
Greyhound Bus 4290; Nashville, Tennessee,  
To Jackson, Mississippi, June 16, 1961

The below listed Freedom Riders were arrested by the  
Jackson, Mississippi Police Department on June 16, 1961:

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[REDACTED]

MISS.

Records of the Registrar's Office, Cornell  
University, reflect that [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED]  
at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was admitted to Cornell from  
Forest Hills High School in September, 1959 in the College of  
Engineering. At the time of registration he listed his home  
address and that of his parent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, New York.

On October 11, 1961, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised that her files  
contained no information concerning [REDACTED]

On October 11, 1961, Sergeant [REDACTED] ad-  
vised that [REDACTED] has no record with the Ithaca Police Department.

[REDACTED]

MISS.

According to the files of the Registrar's Office,  
Cornell University, [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] at Ithaca,  
New York. She was admitted to Cornell in the College of Arts  
and Sciences in September, 1954, from Kingswood High School,  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She was awarded an A.B. Degree,  
June 15, 1959 and is presently a graduate student. At the time  
of registration she listed her home address and that of her

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parent,  
Michigan.

[REDACTED] Detroit,

On October 11, 1961, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised that her files con-  
tained no information concerning [REDACTED]

On October 11, 1961, Sergeant [REDACTED] advised  
that [REDACTED] has no record with the Ithaca Police Department.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/17/61

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-21)

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DATE 11-30-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

SUBJECT: 0 MISC.  
FREEDOM RIDE 1961  
Greyhound Bus, Nashville, Tennessee  
to Jackson, Mississippi, June 10, 1961  
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OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re New Orleans letter to Albany 9/14/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies for the Bureau and one for New Orleans of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above prepared in accordance with instructions set forth in referenced letter.

The source referred to in enclosed memorandum is [redacted]

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CC: (2) Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)  
1-New Orleans (157-299) (Enc.1) (RM)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Albany, New York

October 17, 1961

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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JUNE 10, 1961

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The below-listed freedom riders were arrested  
by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department on June 10,  
1961:

[Redacted]

*Miss.*

On June 5, 1961 [Redacted]  
Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, advised that [Redacted]  
was born [Redacted] Indiana. His parents  
[Redacted] His  
home address is [Redacted] Rye, New York.

On September 27, 1961, [Redacted] Credit  
Bureau of Burlington, Incorporated, Burlington, Vermont,  
advised that the files of her office contained no information  
with respect to [Redacted]

On September 27, 1961, Chief Donald J. Williamson  
advised that [Redacted] has no record with the Middlebury Police  
Department.

[Redacted]

Records of the Registrar's Office, Cornell University  
as made available in May, 1951, by [Redacted]  
[Redacted] reflected that [Redacted] was born [Redacted] at  
[Redacted] N.Y.

*Miss.*

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[redacted] New York. He was admitted to Cornell on November 1, 1944, from Groton Central School. He attended the College of Arts and Sciences and was on military leave of absence from 1945 to 1947. He was graduated from Cornell on June 12, 1950, with an AB Degree.

On October 12, 1949, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] Ithaca, New York, was a subscriber to "The Worker".

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

On October 11, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised that her files contained no information with respect to [redacted]

On October 11, 1961, Sergeant [redacted] advised that [redacted] has no record with the Ithaca Police Department.

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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AIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

RE: FREEBUS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

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No FR tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss.,  
10/19/61. Following is summary as of 3:00 P. M., 10/19/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Miss. since  
10/18/61 summary. Total arrested 312. Released on bond from  
Municipal Court 296. Released on bond from Hinds County Court  
25. Paid fines 56. Released to attorney 1. Released on  
probation 4. Released as charges dismissed 1. Released on  
expiration sentence 1. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from  
Hinds County Court 4. Confined to jail in lieu of fine after  
withdrawing appeal 2. Net in custody 12. All FR eating at  
Hinds County Jail.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Date: 10/20/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

No FR tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, 10/20/61. Following is summary as of 3 p.m., 10/20/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Miss., since 10/19/61 summary.

Total arrested - 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 25.

Paid fines - 56.

Released to attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court - 4.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Confined to jail in lieu of fine after  
withdrawing appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 12.

All FRS eating at Hinds County Jail.



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Date: OCT. 21, 1961

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-273)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
 SUBJECT : FREEBUS

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 Remyairtel 10-20-61.

NO FR tried, arrested, or released at Jackson, Miss.,  
 10-21-61. 10-21-61 summary same as for 10-20-61.

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RM FREEBORN RIDERS QUIC  
 Re New Orleans airtel dated 9/18/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in  
 this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of  
 business, 9/23/61:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, 9/11 - 16/61  
RACIAL MATTERSAgency *Brannan*  
Req. Rec'd .....  
Date Forw. *9/29/61*  
How Forw. *1/1*  
By *RLH* Rec Org. Unit  
*See destroyed*Re Detroit airtel to the Bureau, 9/7/61, and  
New Orleans airtel to Detroit, dated 9/14/61, in which  
names and background information was set forth con-  
cerning fifteen Episcopal ministers.Enclosed is the original and seven copies of  
a letterhead memorandum relating to two of the above  
fifteen ministers as they are from the Chicago,  
Illinois area.The files of the Chicago Office contain no  
identifiable subversive information pertaining to the  
two Chicago Episcopal ministers.The Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., was checked  
by IC [redacted] on 9/22/61. and the Chicago  
Police Department was checked by IC [redacted]  
[redacted] on 9/25/61.One copy with enclosure is being sent to  
New Orleans per their request.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 3)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
September 26, 1961

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File No. 157-81

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FREEDOM RIDE, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOUISIANA TO DEARBORN, MICHIGAN,  
SEPTEMBER 11 - 16, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS

Twenty-eight (28) Episcopal ministers arrived at Jackson, Mississippi from New Orleans, Louisiana, 7:00 PM, on September 12, 1961. Fifteen members of the above group were arrested for breach of the peace by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department at approximately 11:45 AM on September 13, 1961, while testing facilities at Trailways Bus Depot in Jackson.

Two Episcopal ministers of the fifteen that were arrested were from the Chicago, Illinois, area and are identified as follows:

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[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois; occupation

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Chicago, Illinois; occupation

[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois.

The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, when reviewed on September 22, 1961, contained no information pertaining to [REDACTED]

The files of the Chicago Police Department when reviewed on September 25, 1961, contained no information pertaining to [REDACTED]

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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-90)

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961  
RM - CR  
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*FREEDOM RIDERS MISC*

Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 7/26/61,  
at New Orleans.

The files of the Washington, D. C., Credit Bureau  
contain no record identifiable with \_\_\_\_\_  
Maryland, or \_\_\_\_\_  
Washington, D. C.

The files of the Metropolitan Police Department  
contain no record identifiable with \_\_\_\_\_  
mentioned above.

WFO files indicate only \_\_\_\_\_ were  
members of a group of Freedom Riders who departed from  
Washington, D. C., on 6/19/61, for New Orleans, Louisiana.

In view of the above information which is deemed  
not pertinent, no letterhead memo is being submitted.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/26/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/15-9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961</b> <b>Illinois Central Railroad Depot</b> <b>Jackson, Mississippi</b> <b>July 6, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
<b>FREEDOM RIDERS</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>  <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED</b> <b>HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED</b> <b>DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW</b>	

## REFERENCES

New Orleans report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
8/8/61.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until March 26, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: September 26, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-329

Bureau File No.: 44-17797

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 6, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bond 8/10/61. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on 8/14/61 on breach of peace charge. Both entered NGP. [redacted] trial set for 10/18/61 and [redacted] trial for 1/10/62. [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bonds 8/16/61. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court 9/11/61 on breach of peace charge. Both entered NGP. Trial for both set for 3/26/62. [redacted] failed to appear for arraignment 9/11/61. [redacted] entered plea of nolo contendere on 9/13/61 in Hinds County Court and sentenced to four months in jail suspended and fined \$200. Released on payment of fine.

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DETAILS:

On August 18, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August 10, 1961 [redacted] had been released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on August 14, 1961 and were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Both entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys.

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The court then set the date of [ ] trial for October 18, 1961 and [ ] trial for January 10, 1962.

On August 16, 1961 Deputy [ ] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August 16, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on September 11, 1961:



On September 19, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on September 11, 1961 [ ] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson. Both were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Both entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the trial date for both of these individuals for March 26, 1962.

On September 13, 1961 Deputy [ ] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [ ], who had been previously released on an appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961, failed to appear for arraignment on September 11, 1961. The court ordered his bond forfeited unless he appeared before the second Monday of October, 1961.

On September 13, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, advised SA [ ] that on September 13, 1961 [ ] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, and entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of breach of the peace. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to four months in jail which was suspended and fined \$200.00. He was released on September 13, 1961 upon payment of the \$200.00.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/26/61

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FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-101)

SUBJECT:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
 GREYHOUND BUS, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
 TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 29, 1961  
 RM; CR

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*Freedom Riders - Misc*

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston dated 7/31/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and seven copies of each of two letterhead memoranda suitable for dissemination, concerning [redacted]

[redacted] dated 9/26/61. Two copies of each of these letterhead memoranda are also enclosed for the New Orleans Office.

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 By *[signature]*  
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Cincinnati, Ohio  
September 26, 1961

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JUDITH NORENE SCROGGINS

Cincinnati, Ohio

The "Cincinnati Enquirer", a daily morning newspaper published at Cincinnati, Ohio, in its issue of August 25, 1961, on page 21, had a photograph of "Judy Scroggins", and an accompanying article captioned "Local Girl, 19, Back From Freedom Ride". According to the article, Judy Scroggins, 603 Rockdale Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, "returned home by train last night from serving 20 days in the Mississippi State Penitentiary". It stated she had been arrested with seven white "freedom riders" July 29th, in Jackson, Mississippi, when the riders attempted to desegregate the Negro waiting room of the Greyhound Bus Station in that town. Because the arresting officers did not recognize her race she had been placed in the same part of the jail as were the white "riders". The article contained the following remarks of Scroggins: "We were given the maximum. A \$200 fine and four months in jail. First they took us to the city jail, then to the county jail and finally to the state penitentiary at Parchman. Our cells in the state penitentiary were no more than 13 steps away from Death Row. Incidentally, I integrated all the Mississippi jails. I strongly believe in what we riders are doing. We have now aroused the Jackson Negroes to a sense of responsibility. They are now starting to have sit-ins. I want to go on working with CORE, and I want to study at Xavier. I had told CORE before I took that ride that I wanted to be released between August 21 and 25 so that I could get everything in order to go to school."

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RE: JUDITH NORENE SCROGGINS

According to the article Scroggins plans to attend night school at Xavier University beginning in September.

On August 10, 1961, Captain [redacted] Bureau of Identification, Cincinnati, Ohio Police Department, advised that the files of the Identification, Record and Traffic Bureaus of that Department contained no record of [redacted]

[redacted] Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised on August 11, 1961, that there was no record of [redacted] in her files.

On August 10, 1961 [redacted] [redacted] Credit Bureau of Cincinnati, Inc., 26 East Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that the files of that Bureau contained no information relative to [redacted]



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Lowell, Massachusetts

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On August 8, 1961, Chief Robert Killeen, Xenia, Ohio Police Department, advised that there was no record of [redacted] in the files of his department.

Chief Killeen advised that the only picketing of a restaurant which occurred in Xenia, Ohio, took place in January, 1960, when Geyer's Restaurant, 15 West Main Street, Xenia, was the scene of a student demonstration and picketing. He stated that the restaurant was picketed for approximately one week during January, 1960, by white and Negro students from Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, and from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Chief Killeen advised that it was his belief that the college students were members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on the respective college campuses and that they were joined in their picketing by very few NAACP members in the Xenia area. He stated that it had been the policy of Geyer's Restaurant to serve only white patrons and that rather than cater to Negro students the restaurant closed its business temporarily for repairs. He advised that the restaurant re-opened after approximately one month and changed its policy of service and that Negroes are now permitted to patronize it.

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Chief Killeen advised that the picketing of Geyer's Restaurant was carried on in an orderly manner and that no disturbances of any nature were reported to his department. He

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Re: [REDACTED]

stated that he personally observed the demonstration for several hours and did not assign any of his police officers to the scene. He stated that he did not take the names of any of the picketing students nor does he know the identity of any of the pickets.

On August 8, 1961, Chief JAMES MC KEE, Police Department of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and Sheriff RUSSELL BRADLEY, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Xenia, advised that they possessed no information concerning the picketing of Geyer's Restaurant, Xenia, during January, 1960, and that there was no information in their files concerning [REDACTED]

It is pointed out that records of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department indicate that [REDACTED] admitted picketing a restaurant in Xenia, Ohio, but no date is reflected.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/26/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/10-9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus Los Angeles, California to Jackson, Mississippi July 15, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lam</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>  <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW</b>	

Synopsis:

## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/15/61  
at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated  
for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs  
that a copy be furnished to the United States Attorney,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive  
status in the New Orleans Office until April 2, 1962 at  
which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled  
to have been tried in Hinds County Court Jackson, Mississippi.  
The New Orleans Office at that time will report the  
results of these trials.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Date: September 26, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.:

44-17831

Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus, Los Angeles, California,  
to Jackson, Mississippi, July 15, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

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Synopsis:

[redacted]  
[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, 8/10/61.  
[redacted] ROSE SCHORR

ROSENBERG, [redacted] arraigned  
in Hinds County Court, Jackson, 8/14/61 on Breach of Peace  
charges. Entered not guilty pleas. Date set for trial  
of these individuals commencing 11/24/61 with last trial  
scheduled for 1/15/62. [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bonds 8/23/61. [redacted]  
[redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, 9/11/61 on Breach  
of Peace charges. All entered not guilty pleas. Court  
set date of trial for these individuals commencing  
3/12/62 with last trial scheduled for 4/2/62.

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DETAILS

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

On August 10, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that on August 10, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500.00 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961: [redacted]

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of the trial as indicated below:

Name	Date of Trial
[redacted]	November 24, 1961
[redacted]	November 28, 1961
ROSE SCHORR ROSENBERG	December 11, 1961
[redacted]	December 13, 1961
[redacted]	January 15, 1962

On August 23, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that on August 23, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500.00 cash appeal bonds returnable in a Hinds County Court Jackson, Mississippi on September 11, 1961: [redacted]


On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson advised that on September 11, 1961 the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered



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pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys.  
The court then set the date of their trial as indicated  
below:

Name	Date of Trial
	March 12, 1962
	March 12, 1962
	March 12, 1962
	March 12, 1962
	March 26, 1962
	April 2, 1962

On September 8, 1961 Captain   
Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made  
available negatives of photographs of the Freedom Riders  
in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives  
and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi July 7, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until April 23, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this case are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Report of: **SA HUNTER E. HELGESON**  
Date: **September 26, 1961**

Office: **NEW ORLEANS**Field Office File No.: **NO 157-331**Bureau File No.: **44-17831**

Title: **FREEDOM RIDE, 1961**  
**Trailways Bus, Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi**  
**July 7, 1961**

Character: **RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS**

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Synopsis:

[redacted] arraigned in Hinds  
County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61 on breach of peace  
charges. Both entered not guilty pleas. [redacted] trial  
set for 12/27/61. [redacted] trial set for 11/10/61. [redacted]

[redacted] released  
on \$500 cash appeal bonds 8/18/61. ELMER BROWN filed  
petition in USDC, 8/10/61, seeking to have his breach of  
peace trial in Hinds County Court removed to USDC. On  
8/28/61 USDJ WILLIAM HAROLD COX ordered action remanded to  
Hinds County Court. [redacted]  
arraigned in Hinds County Court 9/11/61 on breach of peace  
charges. Entered pleas of not guilty. Trials for these  
individuals set for 4/62. ELMER BROWN failed to appear for  
arraignment 9/11/61. [redacted] entered nolo contendere  
plea to breach of peace charge in Hinds County Court 9/12/61.  
Was sentenced to four months in jail suspended and fined  
\$200. Was released upon payment of fine.

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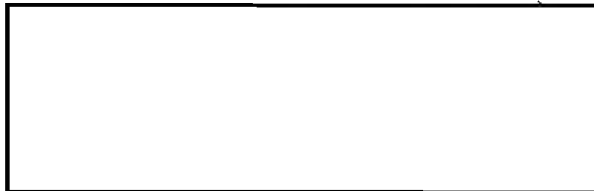
DETAILS:

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A.  
TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA A. GLENWOOD  
GILLILAND that [redacted] appeared in  
Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961  
and were arraigned on charges of breach of the peace. Both  
entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their  
attorneys. The court set the date of trial for [redacted] for

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December 27, 1961 and for [ ] for November 10, 1961.

On August 21, 1961 Deputy [ ] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August 28, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, September 11, 1961:



On August 11, 1961, [ ] Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that ELMER BROWN was one of five individuals who filed a Petition for Removal in U. S. District Court, August 10, 1961 seeking the removal of his trial for violation of Section 2087.5 Mississippi Code (breach of the peace) from the Hinds County Court to the United States District Court, Jackson. This petition was filed under provisions of Title 18, Section 1443, U. S. Code. [ ] advised that U. S. District Judge WILLIAM HAROLD COX had advised he would hear arguments on motions on this case on August 19, 1961.

On August 29, 1961 [ ] advised as follows:

On August 19, 1961 the State of Mississippi as Respondent in this action filed a motion to remand this action from the U. S. District Court to the County Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County from which it was removed. On August 26, 1961 U. S. District Judge WILLIAM HAROLD COX filed an opinion sustaining the Respondent's motion to remand. On August 28, 1961 an order signed by Judge COX was filed remanding this action to Hinds County Court. On August 29, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised that ELMER BROWN would have to appear in Hinds County Court on September 11, 1961 for arraignment on breach of the peace charges.

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On September 13, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that ELMER BROWN, who had been previously released on an appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on September 11, 1961 failed to appear for arraignment on that date. The court ordered his bond forfeited unless he appeared before the second Monday of October, 1961.

On September 19, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR. advised that on September 11, 1961, the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. All were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME	DATE OF TRIAL
[redacted]	April 2, 1962
[redacted]	April 9, 1962
[redacted]	April 16, 1962
[redacted]	April 16, 1962
[redacted]	April 23, 1962

On September 13, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR. advised SA [redacted] that on September 12, 1961 [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson and entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of breach of the peace. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to four months in jail suspended and fined \$200. He was released on September 12, 1961 upon payment of this fine.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus #P-220 from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61; Trailways Bus #218 from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61 <i>FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.</i></b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCES:

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Will follow and report results of trials of Freedom Riders in Hinds County Court. (u)

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus #P-220 from  
Montgomery, Alabama, to  
Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61;  
Character: Trailways Bux #218 from  
Montgomery, Alabama, to  
Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61  
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Freedom Riders in this group released on appeal  
bond on dates indicated:

6/2/61: [redacted]  
6/3/61: [redacted]  
6/5/61: [redacted] 6/9/61: [redacted]  
6/12/61; JAMES L. BEVEL, 6/13/61; [redacted] 6/14/61;  
[redacted]  
6/19/61 [redacted] 6/24/61; JAMES L. FARMER,  
7/3/61; [redacted] 7/7/61; [redacted] 7/7/61.

All Freedom Riders in this group arraigned in Hinds Co. Court,  
Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61, and entered pleas of not guilty.  
Court set dates for their trials commencing 8/22/61, running  
to 1/16/62. Dates for each Freedom Rider trial set out in  
details. [redacted] tried and convicted in Hinds Co.

Court, 8/24/61, released on appeal bond 8/25/61 [redacted]  
tried and convicted in Hinds Co. Court, 8/25/61, and confined  
to jail in lieu of bond. [redacted]

[redacted] appeared in Hinds Co. Court 8/28/61 and withdrew their  
appeals, paid fines and released [redacted] withdrew  
her appeal on 8/30/61, was fined and committed to Hinds Co.  
Jail in lieu of payment of fine [redacted] withdrew  
appeal on 8/30/61, and was committed to Hinds Co. Jail to  
serve out fine imposed. On 9/5/61, [redacted] tried  
and convicted in Hinds Co. Court, sentenced to 4 months in  
jail, fined \$200 and released on bond 9/5/61 [redacted]

[redacted] tried in Hinds Co. Court, 9/7/61. Convicted and  
sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200, released on  
appeal bond [redacted] failed to appear for trial on  
9/8/61, and court ordered appeal bond forfeited. u 1179

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On June 2, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on June 2, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, August 14, 1961. *u*

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On June 3, 1961, Sheriff GILFOY advised that [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, on June 3, 1961. Sheriff GILFOY advised that all Freedom Riders released on appeal bonds prior to August 14, 1961, would have to return to the Hinds County Court on August 14, 1961, as that was the return date on their bonds. *u*

On June 6, 1961, Sheriff GILFOY advised that on June 5, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds. *u*

On June 9, 1961, Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, advised that on June 9, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond. *u*

On June 12, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on June 12, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond. *u*

On June 13, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that JAMES L. BEVEL was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond June 13, 1961. *u*

On June 14, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that on June 14, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond. *u*

On June 19, 1961, Sheriff GILFOY advised that on June 19, 1961, [redacted] and [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds. *u*

On June 24, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on June 24, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond. *u*



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On July 3, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that JAMES L. FARMER was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond on July 3, 1961. u

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On July 7, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that on July 7, 1961 [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds. u

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. Through their attorneys, they entered pleas of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trials as indicated below: u

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF TRIAL</u>
[redacted]	8/22/61
[redacted]	9/5/61
[redacted]	9/6/61
[redacted]	9/7/61
JAMES LUTHER BEVEL - James L. Bevel	9/13/61
[redacted]	8/24/61
[redacted]	8/30/61
[redacted]	9/21/61
[redacted]	9/22/61
[redacted]	10/2/61
[redacted]	10/3/61
[redacted]	10/4/61
[redacted]	10/5/61
JAMES L. FARMER	10/5/61
[redacted]	10/26/61
[redacted]	11/7/61
[redacted]	11/8/61
[redacted]	8/24/61
[redacted]	8/28/61
[redacted]	11/27/61
[redacted]	8/30/61
[redacted]	12/27/61
[redacted]	8/22/61
[redacted]	12/28/61
[redacted]	1/5/62
[redacted]	8/28/61
[redacted]	1/16/62

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City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that the above individuals would be tried de novo in Hinds County Court and that if convicted the fines and sentences they received would be in addition to fines and sentences previously imposed on conviction in Jackson Municipal Court on the same charge. *u*

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On August 25, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that [redacted] had been convicted in Hinds County Court on August 24, 1961, on the charge of Breach of the Peace. He stated on August 25, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$1000 cash appeal bond plus a \$1000 costs bond both returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, Jackson, on November 6, 1961. *u*

On August 25, 1961, Sheriff GILFOY advised that [redacted] was convicted of a Breach of the Peach charge in Hinds County Court on August 25, 1961. She was confined to the Hinds County Jail in lieu of \$1000 appeal bond plus a \$500 costs bond. *u*

On August 25, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that [redacted] had not been tried in Hinds County Court on August 24, 1961, as scheduled due to the fact that the trials set for August 22 and 23, 1961, had run into August 24, 1961. He stated that the trials for [redacted] would be set again for January 22, 1962. *u*

On August 28, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court on August 28, 1961, for trial as scheduled. Through their attorney, [redacted] withdrew their appeal and paid the fines previously imposed upon them after conviction in Jackson Municipal Court. According to Sheriff GILFOY, the time [redacted] had previously spent in jail in lieu of payment of fine was credited at the rate of \$3 per day to the fine paid. *u*

On August 30, 1961, Assistant City Prosecuting Attorney [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court on August 30, 1961. Their attorney [redacted] announced to the court that [redacted] were withdrawing their appeals. The court then ordered [redacted] committed to the custody of the Hinds County Sheriff to serve out the \$200 fine previously imposed in Jackson Municipal

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Court. According to [redacted] they would be confined to the Hinds County Jail and the fine would be served out at the rate of \$3 per day. u

On September 5, 1961, Assistant City Prosecuting Attorney [redacted] advised that on September 5, 1961, [redacted] was tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on a charge of Breach of the Peace. After a plea of not guilty [redacted] was convicted by jury and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. u

On September 5, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that on September 5, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$1000 appeal bond plus a \$500 cash costs bond after conviction in the Hinds County Court. According to [redacted] these bonds are returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 6, 1961. [redacted] advised that the \$500 appeal bond previously posted after [redacted] conviction in Jackson Municipal Court was credited to the bonds set on September 5, 1961, making the total cash bond \$1000. u

On September 7, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 6, 1961, [redacted] was tried in Hinds County Court on a Breach of the Peace charge. [redacted] was convicted by jury and sentenced the same date to four months in jail and fined \$200. [redacted] was released on September 6, 1961, on a \$1000 cash appeal bond plus a \$500 cash costs bond, both returnable in Hinds County Circuit Clerk, November 6, 1961. u

On September 7, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that [redacted] failed to appear in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on September 7, 1961, as scheduled. The court re-set the date of his trial for September 8, 1961. u

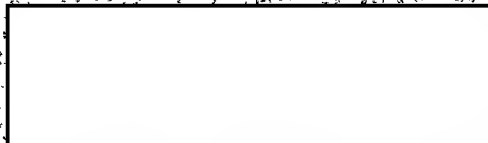
On September 8, 1961, TRAVIS advised that [redacted] failed to appear in Hinds County Court on September 8, 1961, at which time the court ordered his \$500 appeal bond forfeited. u

On September 13, 1961, J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City Prosecuting Attorney, advised that JAMES LUTHER BEVEL was tried in Hinds County Court on September 13, 1961, on four

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counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. According to TRAVIS, these charges arose from BEVEL's activities earlier in the summer in Jackson, in which he recruited a number of juveniles to participate as Freedom Riders at Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. TRAVIS advised that BEVEL was found guilty on each count and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and serve six months on each count, the sentences to run consecutively. The total fine amounted to \$2000 and the total fine to be served, two years. TRAVIS advised that BEVEL was remanded to the Hinds County Jail in custody of the Sheriff on September 13, 1961, upon his failure to post an appeal bond on this conviction. According to TRAVIS, BEVEL was not tried on his appeal from a Breach of the Peace conviction which trial had been scheduled for September 13, 1961. This trial was postponed and would be set at a later date, probably in January, 1962. U

On June 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were transferred from the jails at Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on June 15, 1961: U



JAMES L. FARMER



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RACIAL MATTERSFREEDOM RIDERS. MISCELL

Re Memphis airtels dated 9/14/61 and 9/23/61.

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RE: RACIAL SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI,  
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STATION, CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI  
RACIAL MATTERS

E. APPROX. [REDACTED]

On September 5, 1961, Ben C. Collins, Chief of Police  
Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that on September 4, 1961  
in the City Court, Clarksdale, Mississippi, [REDACTED]  
who had furnished her name as [REDACTED] at the time  
of her arrest on August 23, 1961 by the Clarksdale, Mississippi  
Police Department, was fined \$200 and given a suspended sixty-  
day sentence on a charge of "breach of peace." [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were, in the same court and on the same  
charge, each fined \$100 and given suspended thirty-day sentences.  
Bond in the amount of \$1,000 was set for [REDACTED] and \$500 each  
for [REDACTED]. All three were released on bond and  
appealed their sentences to the County Court, Clarksdale,  
Mississippi.

On September 21, 1961, Sheriff L. A. Ross, Jr.,  
Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that on September 20, 1961,  
in the County Court, Clarksdale, Mississippi, a jury found all  
three defendants in this matter guilty of the charge of "breach  
of peace." County Judge, E. M. Yerger, gave [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] age [REDACTED] Clarksdale, Mississippi,  
a ninety-day jail sentence and a \$200 fine, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] age [REDACTED] Clarksdale, Mississippi, [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] age [REDACTED] Clarksdale,  
Mississippi, each thirty-day jail sentences and \$200 fines.

E. APPROX. [REDACTED]

E. APPROX. [REDACTED]

The case was appealed to the Circuit Court, Clarksdale,  
Mississippi, which court convenes in January, 1962; and the  
defendants were released on \$1,000 bond each.

R. J. Brown, Vicksburg, Mississippi, who, with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, represented the defendants, is  
reported to have stated he was basing the appeal on two  
contentions, one that the law under which the three defendants  
were convicted is unconstitutional, and the second contention  
that the law was being used as a mask to enforce State segre-  
gation laws.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Illinois Central Railroad New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi July 23, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lam</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>		CC TO: <i>Uccg</i> ..... REQ. REC'D <i>7-15</i> ..... <b>AUG 2 1965</b> ANS. BY: <i>Al... Dan</i> .....	
Synopsis: <b>FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.</b>		REFERENCE	

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 8/16/61  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE

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instructs that a copy be furnished to the USA, Jackson,  
Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive  
status in the New Orleans Office until April 30, 1962  
at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled  
to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi.  
The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results  
of these trials.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: September 27, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-354

Bureau File No.: 44-17797

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad  
New Orleans, Louisiana to  
Jackson, Mississippi, July 23, 1961ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

*miss* { [redacted] released on appeal bond 8/29/61.  
[redacted] released  
on appeal bond 9/6/61. [redacted]  
[redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Miss., 9/11/61 on Breach of Peace charges.  
Entered pleas of not guilty. Their trials set commencing  
with March 19, 1962 with last trial scheduled for  
April 30, 1962. [redacted] confined to  
MSP Parchman, Miss., as of 9/19/61.

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DETAILSAT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

On August 29, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds  
County Sheriff's Office advised that on August 29, 1961  
[redacted] was released on a \$500.00 cash appeal bond  
returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on September 11,  
1961.

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On September 6, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 6, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500.00 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on September 11, 1961. [redacted]

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney, J. A. TRAVIS, Jr., City of Jackson, advised that on September 11, 1961, the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorneys to this charge. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

Name	Date of Trial
[redacted]	March 19, 1962
[redacted]	April 9, 1962
[redacted]	April 16, 1962
[redacted]	April 16, 1962
[redacted]	April 23, 1962
[redacted]	April 30, 1962

On September 19, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that [redacted] is still confined to the Mississippi State Penitentiary Parchman, Mississippi. He is scheduled to be released January 30, 1962 upon expiration of sentence.

On September 8, 1961 Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of photographs of the Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being prepared from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/27/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/15 - 9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Terminal Jackson, Mississippi, July 9, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW</b>	

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*Freedom Riders - Misc*  
**REFERENCES:**

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 8/16/61, at New Orleans.

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until Oct. 23, 1961, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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**Copy to:**

**Report of:**  
**Date:**

**SA HUNTER E. HELGESON**  
**9/27/61**

**Office:** **NEW ORLEANS**

**Field Office File No.:**

**NEW ORLEANS (157-334)**

**Bureau File No.:** **(44-17831)**

**Title:**

**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961**  
**Trailways Bus Terminal**  
**Jackson, Mississippi,**  
**July 9, 1961**

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**Character:**

**RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Synopsis:**

[redacted] released on appeal bond 7/17/61.  
[redacted] arraigned  
in Hinds Co. Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61, on Breach of  
Peace charge. All entered not guilty pleas. [redacted] trial  
set for 9/14/61. [redacted] trial set for 10/25/61. [redacted]  
trial set for 1/5/62. [redacted] released on appeal  
bond 8/16/61. [redacted]  
[redacted] released on appeal bonds 8/18/61.  
[redacted] arraigned  
in Hinds Co. Court, Jackson, Miss., 9/11/61, on Breach of  
Peach charges. Entered pleas of not guilty. Trial set for  
these individuals in 4/62. On 9/14/61 [redacted]  
was tried and convicted in Hinds Co. Court, Jackson, on  
Breach of Peach charge. Sentenced to 4 months in jail and  
fined \$200. Was released on appeal bond 9/14/61.

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**DETAILS:****AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

On August 18, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds  
County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 17, 1961,  
[redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond return-  
able in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August  
14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J.  
A. TRAVIS, City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND  
that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County  
Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were  
arraigned on a charge of Breach of Peace. All entered pleas

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of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

9/14/61  
10/25/61  
1/5/62

On August 18, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 16, 1961, [redacted] had been released on a \$500 cash appeal bond on August 16, 1961. This bond returnable in Hinds County Court on September 11, 1961, according to [redacted]

On August 21, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that the following individuals were released on August 18, 1961, on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, September 11, 1961:

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 11, 1961, the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, and were arraigned on charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

4/2/62  
4/9/62  
4/9/62  
4/16/62  
4/23/62

On September 14, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney TRAVIS advised that on September 14, 1961, [redacted] was tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on a charge of Breach of the Peace. She was convicted by jury and sentenced the same date to serve four months in jail and fined \$200. She was released the same date on a \$1000 cash appeal bond plus a

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\$500 cash costs bond, both returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, November 6, 1961.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/27/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/11/61 - 9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus Nashville, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi, July 16, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <b>HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lil</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b>	

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Synopsis:

## REFERENCE:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/15/61, at New Orleans.

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This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until 4/30/62 at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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**Copy to:**

**Report of:** HUNTER E. HELGESON  
**Date:** 9/27/61

**Office:** NEW ORLEANS

**File Number:** NO 157-346

**Bufile:** 44-17831

**Title:** FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus  
Nashville, Tennessee to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 16, 1961

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**Character:**

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

**Synopsis:**

[redacted] was one of five individuals who filed Petition for Removal in USDC, Jackson, 8/10/61, seeking removal of her trial from Hinds County Court to USDC. On 8/28/61 USDJ ordered this action remanded to Hinds County Court. [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bond 8/16/61. [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bond 8/18/61. MARY FREELON, RUDOLPH MITARITONNA, and [redacted] released on appeal bond 8/23/61. FREELON, MITARITONNA, [redacted] and [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 9/11/61, on breach of peace charges. All entered not guilty pleas. Court set dates of trial for these individuals commencing 3/12/62 with last trial scheduled for 4/30/62.

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**DETAILS:**

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 11, 1961, [redacted] Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, advised that



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[redacted] was one of five individuals who filed a Petition for Removal in United States District Court on August 10, 1961, seeking the removal of her trial for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code (Breach of the Peace), from the Hinds County Court to the United States District Court. This Petition was filed under the provisions of Title 18, Section 1443, United States Code. United States District Judge WILLIAM HAROLD COX advised he would hear arguments on motions in this case on August 19, 1961.

On August 29, 1961, [redacted] furnished the following information concerning the above matter:

On August 19, 1961, the State of Mississippi as Respondent filed a motion to remand this action from United States District Court to the County Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County from which it was removed.

On August 26, 1961, United States District Judge WILLIAM HAROLD COX filed an opinion sustaining Respondent's motion to remand.

On August 28, 1961, an order signed by Judge COX was filed remanding this action to Hinds County Court.

On August 29, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that [redacted] would have to appear in Hinds County Court on September 11, 1961, for arraignment on breach of the peace charges.

On August 16, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 16, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court September 11, 1961.

On August 21, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 18, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, September 11, 1961.

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On August 23, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 23, 1961, the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961:

MARY FREELON  
RUDOLPH MITARITONNA  
[redacted]

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 11, 1961, the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. All were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the dates of their trials as indicated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Trial</u>
MARY FREELON	March 12, 1962
RUDOLPH MITARITONNA	March 19, 1962
[redacted]	March 26, 1962
	April 2, 1962
	April 9, 1962
	April 23, 1962
	April 30, 1962

On September 8, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in New Orleans file.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/29/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/21 - 9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961</b> <b>Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, July 8, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCES:

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until April 23, 1962, the date of trial in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of this trial.

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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: 9/29/61  
Field Office File No.: NEW ORLEANS (157-335) Bureau File No.: (44-17797)  
Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

Illinois Central Railroad  
Depot, Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 8, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Credit and Identification Records negative for  
[redacted] in NYC. [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bond  
8/18/61 [redacted] arraigned on Breach of Peace charge in  
Hinds Col Court, Jackson, Miss., 9/11/61. Entered not  
guilty plea. Court set date of his trial for 4/23/62.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated September 7, 1961, the  
New York Office advised as follows:

The following investigation conducted by the New  
York Office developed no additional information concerning  
[redacted]

New York Office indices were reviewed on August  
24, 1961.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York  
were reviewed by IC [redacted] on August 24, 1961.

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification,  
New York City Police Department, were reviewed by SA DAVID  
G. JENKINS on August 28, 1961.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 21, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds  
County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 18, 1961,  
[redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond  
returnable in Hinds County Court, September 11, 1961.

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On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 11, 1961, [REDACTED] was arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on a charge of Breach of the Peace. [REDACTED] entered a plea of not guilty to this charge through his attorney. The court then set the date of [REDACTED] trial for April 23, 1962."

On September 8, 1961, Captain [REDACTED] Jackson Police Department, made available a negative of the photograph of [REDACTED] Prints are being made from this negative and will be retained in the New Orleans file.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/29/61

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**SUBJECT:**

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Illinois  
Central Railroad, New Orleans,  
Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 9, 1961  
RM; CR

FREE DOM RIDERS MISC

Re report of SA HUNTER E. HEGLESON, dated August 21, 1961, at New Orleans.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New Orleans are eight and two copies respectively of letterhead memorandum reflecting investigation conducted by Baltimore with reference to [redacted] College Park, Maryland.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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[REDACTED]

College Park, Maryland

Records of the Prince George's County, Maryland Police Department and the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., reflect that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] College Park, Maryland, has no criminal record in either of these departments as of September 26, 1961.

The files of the D. C. Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C., contain no information on [REDACTED] when checked on September 26, 1961.

A check of the indices of the Baltimore Division against the name of [REDACTED] revealed no pertinent information.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/29/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/23 - 9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE 4/1961</b> <b>Illinois Central Railroad, New Orleans, Louisiana, to Jackson, Mississippi July 16, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 8/11/61, at New Orleans.

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until March 12, 1962, the date of trial in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of this trial.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Date: 9/29/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NEW ORLEANS (157-347)

Bureau File No.: (44-17797)

Title: FREEDOM RIDE. 1961

[redacted]  
Illinois Central Railroad,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 16, 1961ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal  
bond 8/23/61. [redacted] appeared in Hinds Co. Court, Jackson,  
Miss., 9/11/61. Was arraigned on a charge of Breach of  
Peace and entered plea of not guilty. Trial set for 3/12/62.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 23, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds  
County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 23, 1961,  
[redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond  
returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi,  
September 11, 1961.

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney  
J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September  
11, 1961, [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Mississippi. He was arraigned on a charge of Breach  
of the Peace and entered a plea of not guilty to this charge  
through his attorney. The court then set the date of his  
trial for March 12, 1962.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 29, 1961

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-70)

SUBJECT: *Freedom Riders - Misc*  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, RAILROAD BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JULY 7, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: New Orleans)

Agency *by RUC*  
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Date Forw. *10-6-61*  
How Forw. *rel*  
By *ALL*  
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Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGELSON, at New Orleans,  
dated August 10, 1961.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven  
copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau setting  
forth the results of indices check of Detroit Division  
and credit and criminal checks in Detroit, Michigan, on

Sources set forth in letterhead memorandum are  
as follows:

Letterhead memorandum is being classified  
~~confidential~~ because data reported could reasonably  
result in identification of Confidential Informants  
of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness  
thereof.

No further action being taken by Detroit in  
this matter.

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Detroit, Michigan  
September 29, 1961

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Re: Isaac Reynolds, Jr.

The June 12, 1961, Final Edition of the "Detroit News", a daily Detroit, Michigan, newspaper, on page 10A, column 4, carried an article which reflected that eight Detroit Negro students, one a "Freedom Rider", and the others participants in recent "sit-in" demonstrations in southern cities, were presented scrolls recognizing their "leadership in the cause of democracy, courage in the face of violence, and dedication to the cause of freedom and equality" by the Michigan Friends of the South on June 11, 1961. Isaac Reynolds, Jr., 5049 Vermont, Detroit, Michigan, a former Wayne State University student, who took part in one of the "Freedom Rides" in Alabama was among those honored. Scrolls were presented by State Supreme Court Justice Theodore Souris, who, according to this article, stated he attended the affair as a personal representative of Governor Swainson.

Michigan Friends of the South (MFS)

The following sources have all furnished reliable information in the past:

First source, on June 26, 1961, supplied MFS literature which stated that this organization came into existence a year prior with its first public meeting having been held during June, 1960. The stated objective in the beginning was to raise money for use in a specific southern community, "to help the disenfranchised people of this community to register and vote". The present objective is to concentrate its efforts in the future of Alabama.

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Second source advised that [redacted] a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, and [redacted] of the Michigan District, Communist Party, on June 6, 1961, described the MFS as "left influenced".

Third source on July 31, 1961, stated that the MFS is currently in existence and is not now being mass influenced by known members of the Michigan District, Communist Party, due to its small membership.

The June 3, 1961, edition of "The New Crusader", a weekly newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on page 1, column 5, carried an article which reflected that Isaac Reynolds, Jr., a veteran, a junior majoring in Business Administration, was among a group of six other "Freedom Riders" who had arrived in Chicago on May 31, 1961, to speak and raise funds for further assaults and segregation in the Deep South.

Records of the Detroit Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Detroit, were checked on August 30, 1961, by Investigation Clerk [redacted] and no information identifiable with [redacted] was located.

On August 25, 1961, [redacted] Credit Data Corporation, advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] that [redacted] Detroit, had been in file since 1939 and that his credit was satisfactory.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Illinois Central Railroad New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi July 9, 1961</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
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*0 FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.*

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans, 8/21/61.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until 4/16/62, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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New Orleans, Louisiana to  
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**Synopsis:**

Following Freedom Riders in this group released on appeal  
bond from MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 8/18/61: [redacted]

[redacted] arraigned on Breach of Peace charges in Hinds  
County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61. Entered pleas of not  
guilty. Trial of [redacted] set for 9/8/61. Trial of  
[redacted] set for 12/22/61. On 9/8/61, [redacted] withdrew  
not guilty plea and entered plea of nolo contendere in Hinds  
County Court, Jackson. Was sentenced to four months in jail  
suspended and fined \$200. Was released upon payment of fine.

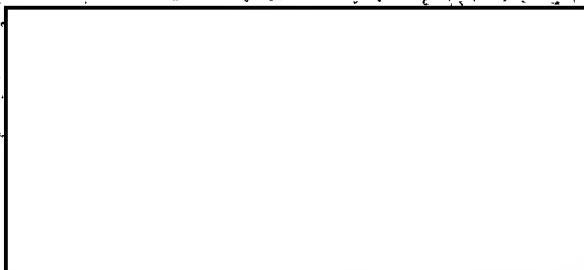
[redacted] were ar-  
raigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on 9/11/61, on Breach  
of Peace charges. Entered not guilty pleas. Court set date  
of trial for these individuals commencing 4/2/62 with last  
trial scheduled for 4/16/62. [redacted] failed to appear for  
arraignment in Hinds County Court, 9/11/61.

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DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 21, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 18, 1961, the following individuals were released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961:



On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME	DATE OF TRIAL
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[REDACTED]	9/8/61 12/22/61
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On September 8, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 8, 1961 [REDACTED] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, and withdrew her previous not guilty plea to a charge of Breach of the Peace. She entered a plea of nolo contendere to this charge and was adjudged guilty and sentenced the same date to four months in jail suspended and fined \$200. She was released on payment of fine on September 8, 1961.

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On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

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NAME	DATE OF TRIAL
[REDACTED]	4/2/62
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	4/9/62
	4/9/62
	4/16/62
	4/16/62

On September 13, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [REDACTED] who had been previously released on an appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on September 11, 1961, failed to appear for arraignment on September 11, 1961. The court ordered his bond forfeited unless he appeared on or before the second Monday of October, 1961.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be retained in the New Orleans file.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/4/61

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-254)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS, 1961, Illinois Central Railroad  
Leaving New Orleans, Louisiana, 7:15 A.M. 5/30/61  
and Arriving Jackson, Mississippi, 10:16 A.M. 5/30/61  
RM. CR

Re New Orleans letter to Albany 9/8/61 requesting  
check of indices, credit and criminal on several  
"Freedom Riders" arrested by Jackson PD 5/30/61.

There are attached for the Bureau eight copies of  
letterhead memo setting out information developed concerning  
[redacted] There was no previous record of her  
in Charlotte indices.

Also attached is one copy of letterhead memo for  
New Orleans.  
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FREEDOM RIDERS, 1961, Illinois Central Railroad  
Leaving New Orleans, Louisiana, 7:15 A. M.  
May 30, 1961, and Arriving Jackson, Mississippi,  
10:16 A. M., May 30, 1961

The following information was developed concerning

[redacted]  
On September 22, 1961, Chief of Police HUGH NEELEY,  
Great Falls, South Carolina, stated that [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] live on [redacted] outside of  
Great Falls, which is in Chester County, South Carolina, and  
their home is actually in [redacted] However, they  
have their dealings in Great Falls. He said [redacted]  
[redacted] has never been arrested by his department and he has  
no knowledge that her parents have ever been in any trouble.

On September 22, 1961, Mr. J. C. HOLLIS, Magistrate  
of Great Falls, stated that he knows the [redacted] family; that  
[redacted] is a [redacted] and [redacted] has been

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] has been a student at Friendship College, Rock Hill, South  
Carolina, and was arrested in Rock Hill in early 1961 in  
connection with lunch counter "sit in" demonstrations. [redacted]  
[redacted] said that neither [redacted] nor anyone else in  
the immediate family of [redacted] has been arrested  
at Great Falls.

On September 22, 1961, Sheriff A. W. MC KEOWN,  
Chester County, covering Great Falls, said he had no  
knowledge of the arrest of [redacted]

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On September 22, 1961, [redacted] Francis Furniture Company, Great Falls, who operates an independent credit bureau, stated he has no credit record for [redacted] individually, but that her parents, [redacted] have good credit. He said she has brothers, [redacted] and possibly another brother and sister. He knows that [redacted] has identified himself as [redacted] for the Congress of Racial Equality.

On September 25, 1961, [redacted] Rock Hill, South Carolina, Police Department, advised that [redacted] Rock Hill Police Department # [redacted] was arrested there January 31, 1961, charged with trespassing and fined \$100. or 30 days. She said this was in connection with "lunch counter sit-in" demonstrations. His arrest record showed his address as [redacted] Great Falls, South Carolina; his father as [redacted] his mother as [redacted] and [redacted] all of the same address. There was a notation on his card "CORE--Congress of Racial Equality, New York, New York."

On September 28, 1961, Deputy Sheriffs [redacted] [redacted] Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., stated they had no record of [redacted] or any of the relatives listed above. They said there is no credit bureau at Fairfield Co.

On September 28, 1961, Clerk of Court [redacted] Fairfield Co., stated his records back to 1930 do not show any charges against [redacted] or any member of her family listed above.

On September 28, 1961, [redacted] Sheriff's Office, Chester, South Carolina, and Clerk of Court [redacted] Chester, S. C., stated their records do not reflect any arrest of [redacted] or any of the above listed members of her family.

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